

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Humility

GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT

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Introduction:

A Definition of Christian Humility: The denial of _____ in favor of embracing _____ and his ways in all things.

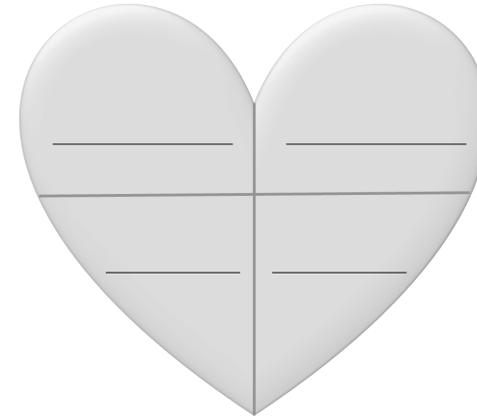
Humility in the Sermon on the Plain:

- ◆ The Refusal to be _____ - _____ (6:20-26)
- ◆ The Refusal to be _____ - _____ (6:27-36)
- ◆ The Refusal to be _____ - _____ (6:37-42)
- ◆ The Refusal to be _____ - _____ (6:43-49)

Big Idea: Get to the bottom of your _____ by examining the _____ of your life.

- ◆ Examine the _____ of your _____ to understand the _____ of your _____.

Biblical Concept of the Heart



- ◆ Examine the _____ of your _____ to understand the _____ of your _____.



Personal Reflection and Application:

1. What do your words reveal about the nature of your heart (all taken together, when life is good and when life is hard)? Are your words consistent with a heart nature that has been transformed by Jesus? What do your words reveal about where your trust lies?
2. What does the stability of your life reveal about the foundation of your trust? Are you stable in your faith when trials come? Do you continue to obey Jesus no matter what is coming against you?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

- 1) What are some circumstances in which someone might use the phrase, "We've got to get to the bottom of this..."? Why is it important to understand that the cause of something often lies below the surface?
- 2) Read Luke 6:43-45 and Jeremiah 17:5-10. Identify the following parts of Jesus' first analogy: *Good Tree, Bad Tree, and Fruit*. What does the fruit of our life tell us about the type of tree we are (our nature)?
- 3) According to Jeremiah 17:5-10, what factor determines the *nature* of our heart (whether we are a "shrub in the desert" or a "tree planted by water")? How does this determining factor affect the fruit we produce? If we find ourselves producing evil fruit, how can our nature be changed?
- 4) Still considering Luke 6:45 and Jer. 17:5-10, now read Prov. 3:5-8 and Romans 10:10. What do we typically think about the heart controlling? How does this compare to the biblical concept of the heart (see diagram)? What affect does this have on our understanding of biblical trust and belief?
- 5) Read Luke 6:45, Romans 10:8-13 and James 3:1-18. Describe the relationship between the heart and our words. Why are they so closely related?
- 6) Read Luke 6:46-49. Identify the following parts of Jesus' analogy: *Foundation/Rock, Building/House, Flood*. Why does our "foundation" matter in a "flood"? How does this motivate us to "build" differently?
- 7) Based on this analysis, describe the relationship between faith and obedience. How does our stability in obedient living relate to the foundation of our trust?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable.

