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This week we will look at your heart. Think of your heart as your passion or what you feel strongly about. Let's see what the Bible says about using your passion and your heart in God's kingdom.

Day 1

1. Scripture

Read Matthew 5:1-14

2. Reflection

Verses 3-11 are commonly referred to as "The Beatitudes". If you could help one of the groups of people in these verses, which one would it be?

What do you think Jesus was referring to you when He said, "you are the salt of the earth"? Are you salty? If not, what are some steps you can take to be more salty?

We are the light of the world. What happens when we let our light shine? How can we do that?

3. Prayer

Pray that God would begin to reveal your heart to you, and how you can use godly passion to be a light for Him.

Day 2

1. Scripture

Read Exodus 22:20-28

2. Reflection

Who would we consider a sojourner in America today? What kind of sojourners do we have right here in Wilson? Do you mistreat or look down on them?

God cares greatly for widows and orphans and takes it personally when we mistreat them. Do you know any widows or orphans? How could you be a light to them?

God cares for the poor and hears their cries. Do you hold back from the poor? What could you do help them?

3. Prayer

Pray that God would show you those who are crying out to Him and give you wisdom to help them.

Day 3

1. Scripture

Read Leviticus 19:9-18

2. Reflection

Most of us are not farmers in these days, but how could you put this principle (vs 9&10) into practice?

How do you treat those who work for you? You may not be a boss where you work, but what about when you have a contractor do work on your house? What about the waitress who brings your food, or the people who mow your lawn? How can you show them God's light?

God says we should not show preference to the poor or the rich. Do you tend to look down on the poor, and look up to the rich or vice versa? How can you live your life in a way that you begin to treat all men as equals?

3. Prayer

Pray that God open your eyes to the people around you whom you can help.

Day 4

1. Scripture

Read James 4:1-10

2. Reflection

These verses show us what it looks like when our hearts are not aligned with God. What do you think it means by "your passions are at war within you"?

What reason does this passage give for our requests not being answered? Can you think of something good you asked for, but you asked with the wrong intention?

What remedy does this passage give to fix our hearts so that they can be focused on what God wants? Do you think you could be happy accepting God's heart over your own?

3. Prayer

Pray that God would show you the things you have in your heart that are holding you back from giving yourself fully to His heart.

Day 5

1. Scripture

Read Matthew chapter 8

2. Reflection

In this chapter Jesus: heals a leper, helps a man whose people oppress his own, spends all night tending the sick, then helps two pagans. Which of these would you be most and least willing to do?

Jesus tells a young man that He is essentially homeless. Did it ever occur to you, that your Lord was a homeless man? How does that affect your view of the homeless? Does that affect your view of Jesus?

In the midst of this Jesus takes advantage of a storm to teach His disciples. Are you willing to inconvenience yourself to help those who look up to you?

3. Prayer

Pray that God would show you how He shaped your heart for His kingdom. Pray that He would give you opportunities to live out His passions.

Day 6

Review what you learned this week.

What do you think your passion is?

How can your passion be a light for God?