

Where Do My Ways Lead?

Prov. 14:12, Is. 55:6-9, Deut. 6:4-9

- Am I willing to _____ that my ways, which seem right to me, could in fact be leading toward _____?
(Prov. 14:12)
- Am I willing to _____ of the error of my ways and _____ to the _____ of God's ways? (Is. 55:6-9)
- What do my _____ reveal about what I love most deeply, and how can I _____ to love the Lord today?
("Heart," Deut.6:5)
- What do my _____ reveal about what I love most deeply, and how can I _____ more highly today?
("Soul," Deut. 6:5)
- What does my _____ reveal about what I love most deeply, and how can I _____ today? ("Might," Deut 6:5)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Matt talked about the Biblical concept of "ways" – our *inherited assumptions* that are instilled in us from our family and our culture. Often we are not aware of our ways until others challenge them. Take a few minutes and share some light-hearted examples of how you have learned that your ways are different than others. (HINT: marriage!!!) Did these differences influence you to change your ways?
2. Read **Proverbs 14:12** together. Can you think of examples in which your ways, which seemed good to you, actually led towards destruction? (*For example: Classism, Racism, Materialism, Ways of engaging the opposite sex, Ways we parent, Ways we relate to our spouse, etc.*) Have you repented of these ways, and if so how?
3. Read **Psalms 119:57-64**. Verse 59 speaks of us considering our ways and turning to God. Using these verses for context, what are some areas of life this must include?
4. As a group, take the last three questions from the outline and discuss with one another. Think about the normative ways of your life. How can you intentionally repent and seek to establish ways that honor the Lord and lead you towards Him instead of towards destruction? How can you help one another live this out?
 - What do my choices reveal about what I love most deeply, and how can I choose to love the Lord today?
 - What do my priorities reveal about what I love most deeply, and how can I value God more highly today?
 - What does my use of resources reveal about what I love most deeply, and how can I invest in His agenda today?