

Sermon Discussion Questions

A New Heart – Season Tingler
Sermon Text: Ezekiel 36:24-27

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

INTRODUCTION

This week's message titled A New Heart, by Season Tingler, has our discussion questions focused on what happens when God turns our hard hearts, into flesh. After we receive the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new heart. Our softened heart allows us to be soft with others and speak out what is true about them, regardless of what we are

experiencing from them, in the moment. We will examine how aligning our hearts with God's heart allows us to be vulnerable with those we love and to become more like him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were challenged to practice the gift of prophesy by asking God to reveal one thing to you that you can share with someone else to bless them. How did it go?

2. What is something that stuck with you this week from what Season shared this week?

3. In every relationship we have a choice to speak to who someone is or who someone is not. This is something that will speak over them for the rest of their life. Ex. “You are being so disrespected.” Vs “You are such a respectful person; I can’t let you act any different cause I know that’s not who you are.”

What areas in your life could you apply this change to? How do you think this could positively affect the relationship by reshaping the redirection?

4. When God gave us a heart of flesh instead of stone, it not only gave us the ability to love God fully, but to love others as well. And loving others well means that it will take time. This could mean taking the time to be slow to speak and or in be in prayer together. What ways can you incorporate spending more time in relationships in your life so that you can love others the way God loves us?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What has been your favorite Amazon purchase in the past year?

2. If you could skip one thing about your daily routine, what would it be, and why?

3. What is your favorite meal to cook?

5. The thing that relationships we are in need the most, whether it be our kids, parents, friends, coworkers etc. is God's abiding, rescuing and forgiving grace in their life. Modeling confession and asking for forgiveness often.

How can you begin to be more vulnerable and model these more frequently, allowing a space to be created to be honest with those around us and get to the heart of the issue?

APPLICATION

Season created a BINGO board to help us change our heart of stone into a heart of flesh. Share with the group one or more things you came up with as a family or an individual to fill in the blanks.

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Pray for group members to keep their hearts like Playdough (soft and moldable).

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Small Group Leader Development – 10 September, 9:00-10:30, iWerx in Gladstone.

Child Dedications – 11 September, 9:00 and 11:00. Sign up online. <https://nwckc.com/child-dedications>

Night of Worship – 16 September, 7:00-9:00pm. Oak Park High School.

Church Sermon Series – Starts 18 September, 9:00 and 11:00. Join us as we study the book of Revelation.

FINAL THOUGHT

**The thing our kids need more than anything is God's abiding,
rescuing, and forgiving grace in their life.**