



Sermon Discussion Guide

06.05.22 Message | Tyler Myers | Jeremiah 23:25-29

Key Scriptures:

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

- Jeremiah 23:25-29

You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

- Matthew 12:34

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. . .But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- Matthew 6:25-34

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

- Proverbs 7:1-3

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

- Psalm 51:6

Message Highlights:

- One of the most dangerous things the people of God can do is live out of our humanity and “sign it” with our Christianity.
- Time doesn’t heal all wounds; division roots deeper over unaccountable time—in the secret places!
- The language of lies in the heart becomes a lifestyle of reckless living and that reveals the heart.
- One of the most fruitful things the people of God can do is live out of our Christianity!

Conversation Starter:

Name a person who, in spite of their humanity, lives authentically out of their Christianity. What about your experiences and interactions with them is encouraging or genuine?

Discuss the Message:

1. What does Matthew 6:25-34 call us to seek when we feel anxious or worried?
 - a) Identify an aspect of your life that tends to make you feel anxious. Why does this example make you feel worried?
 - b) How do you understand God’s love and care for you after reading how he provides for the birds and the lilies?
 - c) What are some practical steps you can take to embrace verse 34: “sufficient for the day is its own trouble”?
2. What is the consequence of the false prophets choice to “prophesy the deceit of their own heart,” according to Jeremiah 23:25-29?
 - a) Why do you think you or those around you choose to hide, mask, or manipulate your inner self?
 - b) Is there an area of your life in which you could better live out of your Christianity, unlike the false prophets who prioritized their humanity?
 - c) How can we tend to our secret places, and cultivate a heart that does not produce deceit or mislead ourselves and others?
3. What does Proverbs 7:1-3 mean by “keep my commandments and live”?
 - a) How can we not only be familiar with God’s Word and commandments, but treasure and aspire to them?
 - b) What is a tangible way that you can interact with the Word this next week?

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your steadfast love and patience that you show us as we take a look at the secret places of our hearts. Help us to look more like you as we work intentionally to heal our wounds and live out of our Christianity. We know we will not do this perfectly, and so we ask you to make your commands and wishes for us the desire of our hearts. May we remember you are present with us, are for us, and delight in our attempts to seek you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.