

D1: The Heart – A biblical survey of the heart.

(Friday night's message at the 2008 Men's Retreat)

1. What is the heart?

2. What devastates the human heart?

- Psalm 40:11-12; Proverbs 20:9; Matthew 15:1-20 (vv 18-20); Romans 1:20.

3. Is the heart alert to the nearness of devastation?

- Deuteronomy 11:13-17 (v. 16); Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 16:17-19 (v. 18); James 1:26-27.

4. What is the highest call of the human heart?

- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (v. 5); Matthew 22:36-38.

5. Does God see this whole predicament?

- Deuteronomy 8:1-2; 1 Samuel 16:6-7; 1 Kings 8:37-40 (v. 39); Psalm 44:17-22 (v. 21); Proverbs 24:10-12 (v. 12); Jeremiah 17:9-10; Mark 2:6-8 (v. 8); Luke 2:34-35; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

6. What is the greatest need of the human heart?

- Deuteronomy 10:12-16 (v. 16); Jeremiah 4:4, 14; Ezekiel 18:30-32 (v. 31); Joel 2:12-13; James 4:8; Deuteronomy 30:1-10 (v. 6); Psalm 51:10; Jeremiah 31:31-34 (v. 33); Hebrews 8:8-13; 10:15-18; Ezekiel 11:14-21 (v. 19); 36:22-32; Acts 2:36-39; 15:6-11 (v. 9).

7. What is God's provision for our hearts?

- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (v. 6); Ezra 7:10; Psalm 19:7-11 (v. 8); Psalm 119:11, 34, 36, 111-112; Proverbs 3:1-2; 6:20-24 (v. 21); 7:1-3 (v. 3); Jeremiah 31:31-34 (v. 33); Hebrews 8:10; 10:16; Luke 8:9-15 (vv. 12, 15); 24:25-27, 32; Hebrews 4:12.



D2: The Home – A biblical survey of home life.

(Saturday morning's session at the 2008 Men's Retreat)

1. What is God's heart for the family/home?

- Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; 4:9; 6:4-9; 7:1-5 (vv 3-4); Psalm 78:1-8; Malachi 4:1-6 (Luke 1:16-17); Ephesians 6:1-3.

2. One OT man who grasped God's heart for the family/home.

- Joshua 24:14-28 (Joshua).

3. OT failures to grasp God's heart for the family/home.

- Exodus 4:21-26 (Moses); 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-26, 29 (Eli); 7:15-8:5 (Samuel); 2 Samuel 7 (David: the priority of his house); 11-12 (David: the undoing of his own house); 1 Kings 11:1-13 (Solomon).

4. The ease at which God is forgotten in the home.

- Deuteronomy 6:10-12; 8:11-20.

5. The impact of one's faith on the entire household.

- Acts 10:22-48; 16:11-15, 22-34.

6. The attack on the home.

- 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Titus 1:10-14.

7. The family/home can become an obstacle to the gospel.

- Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 12:51-53; 14:26; 9:57-62; Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21.

8. Leading a wife requires a strong grasp on the gospel.

- Ephesians 5:25-33.

9. A NT model marriage.

- Acts 18:1-3, 24-28; Romans 16:3-5a.



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D3: The Ministry– The example of Paul, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10.

(Saturday Evening's message at the 2008 Men's Retreat)

- 1. Ministry has only one message – the gospel, 1:5.**
- 2. Ministry requires an uncommon messenger, 1:5.**
- 3. Ministry involves imitation, 1:6.**
- 4. Ministry must produce not only exemplary, but effective lives, 1:7-8.**
- 5. Ministry receptivity labors for repentance, 1:9-10.**



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D4: The Qualifications– The connection of the disciplines.

(Sunday Morning's message at the 2008 Men's Retreat)

- **The grace realities of the gospel and the great commission (these never change!).**
- **What kind of servant or messenger or witness is an effective tool in God's hand for the gospel and great commission?**
- **The success of the early church (at Pentecost and beyond)...**
- **The sad statistic of the church in America today...**
- **If the grace realities of the gospel and great commission have not changed, then what is the problem in the church today?**
- **The crucial place of elder (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) and deacon (1 Timothy 3:8-13) qualifications.**



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D5: Tough Questions Christians Face (2008 Ligonier Conference, Scottsdale, AZ)

(See <http://www.ligonier.org/blog/2008/09/ligonier-west-coast-conference-9.html> for live blogging accounts of each session)

Session 1: Has Science Disproved the Existence of God? (Ligon Duncan)

Session 2: Why Does God Allow so Much Suffering and Evil? (John MacArthur)

Friday Night's Question and Answer Session (Ligon Duncan, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul)

Session 3: If God is Sovereign, How Can Man Be Free? (R.C. Sproul)

Session 4: Is Jesus the Only Way? (John MacArthur)

Saturday Morning's Question and Answer Session (Ligon Duncan, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul)

Session 5: Should the Church Embrace Postmodernism? (Ligon Duncan)

Session 6: What is the "Gospel?" (R.C. Sproul)