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"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." *Proverbs 4:23*

Questions for reflection and identifying evidence of God's grace in your life through Wellspring.

Wednesday: March 23, 2011

DUE:

Saturday: March 26, 2011

BIG PICTURE: What is the ONE THING that has been most impactful in your life through Wellspring?

- 1. The Wellspring purpose** is "to equip and encourage the women of GBC to shepherd their hearts toward Jesus Christ with the word of God so that they live out the gospel, thus strengthening the church in its gospel purpose."

How have you been equipped and encouraged...

...to shepherd your heart toward Jesus Christ with the word of God?

...to live out the gospel?

...to strengthen the church in its gospel purpose?

- 2. Discipline 1—the heart:** "She prayerfully shepherds her heart toward God through the word of God, and in particular, the gospel."

What is the overall pattern of prayerful heart shepherding in your life? Is that different than what it was before Wellspring began? If so, in what ways? If not, why not?

How has shepherding your heart toward God through His Word impacted you? For example, in your thought-life, desires, habits, speech, use of time, etc.?

In what ways do you see the gospel influencing your sanctification? In what ways are you using the gospel to wage war against indwelling sin?

3. Discipline 2—the home: “She ministers to those in her household with her heart for God and the gospel.”

Who are the people with whom you live out this discipline most? (If you live alone, identify those with whom you spend the most time—people who visit your home, homes you spend time in, extended family, etc.)

In what ways have you used the gospel to minister to those in your home?

Have your relationships with them changed in light of discipline 1? How so?

Can you see a difference in your home when you ARE ministering with your heart for God and the gospel from when you are NOT?



4. Discipline 3—ministry: “With a heart for God and the gospel, and fulfilling her ministry within her household, she steps into the church to shepherd others toward God and the gospel.”

How are D1 and D2 impacting your relationships beyond your home?

How comfortable are you with shepherding others toward God and the gospel? What, by God’s grace, do you do well? In what ways would you like to grow?

If/when your ministry is more service-oriented (as opposed to speaking), how can you use the gospel to shepherd your heart and thoughts to do that service as unto the Lord? Have you identified how your service contributes to shepherding others toward God and the gospel? How does that connection impact your motivation to shepherd your heart well in that service?

What has changed about how you interact with others as a result of the gospel-centered ministry principles you’ve learned from 1 Thessalonians, or any other Wellspring lesson?

