

Reboot 2017: New Life for Real People

A Heart Transplanted

Most of us know that we do some bad things and we like to hope that our “bad” isn’t “too bad” or that our “pretty good” is “good enough”. We don’t always realize that our real problem lies deeper—in our heart. Or maybe we do realize the wickedness of our heart, the pride, the lust, the selfishness that so often control our lives and we lose hope, we despair. But there is HOPE. What we need and what God offers us is a new heart, a heart transplanted. We need that transplant over and over; in fact every day. And we can have it through repentance, faith and a willingness to commit to living our faith every day.

Acts 13: 16-17, 20b-22

1. God calls us to be _____. _____
_____ is never _____.

2. We need a transplanted Heart. And we can have that every day through _____, _____, and a renewed _____ to follow and serve Jesus.

Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read I Samuel 16:1-13. This tells how the prophet Samuel anointed David, the youngest of eight sons of Jesse to be king over Israel

1. Why did God direct Samuel to pass over the seven older sons and choose David? What did God see in David that made him stand out from his elder brothers? (See verse 7)

2. What do you think it means when God says, “the Lord looks at the heart”? Why does “the heart” matter to God?

Read II Samuel 11. This tells the sordid story of David’s sin.

3. Why do you think David gave in to the temptation to commit adultery & murder?

Read II Samuel 12:1-14. When Nathan came to David, he did not begin by accusing David. Instead he told a story about a rich man who had taken a ewe lamb from his poor neighbor to provide for a guest.

4. Why was this an effective way to confront David about his sins?

Read Psalm 51. This is a Psalm that David wrote after Nathan had brought him to repentance.

5. What verses especially stand out? How might you use this Psalm as a guide for your own repentance, faith and a renewed commitment?
