Growth Group Sermon Questions:

Feb 14th, 2021

**Sermon Series: Behold! The Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Sermon Title: What is the posture of your heart?**

*Preamble: There are many instances in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, where the word heart signifies the centre of the inner life of a person because it was believed that in the heart of an individual resided their true feelings, emotions, desires, passions, and will. It was in a person’s heart where the people in the days of the Bible measured a person’s true level of commitment and spiritual affections.*

1. In his message, Prince stated that the religious leaders (the Pharisees and the religious teachers) in Matthew 15 assumed heart postures that were “overly religious and self-interested.” Prince also mentioned that the disciples demonstrated qualities of an elitist heart. How can we avoid falling into the temptation of assuming heart postures that are overly religious, self-interested, and/or elitist?
2. In Matthew 15:26 Jesus said to the Gentile woman, “*It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.*” What do you make of Jesus’ response to the Gentile woman? Why do you think Jesus responded in this manner?
3. Prince asserted that the Gentile woman who approached Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter demonstrated heart qualities that were persistent and desperate before Jesus. What can we do to ensure that our hearts remain persistent and desperate for more Jesus?
4. As a group, discuss how each person’s heart is doing.
5. In what ways do you sense your heart specifically needing Jesus to fill it?