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HEART OF A CHAMPION

Week 1 - A Heart for Others

People have **PHYSICAL** needs

Food, shelter, clothing, physical safety, etc.

John 9: Blind man

People have **EMOTIONAL** needs

To be liked, understood, accepted, loved, respected, etc.

Luke 19: Zacchaeus

People have **SPIRITUAL** needs

To be forgiven and reconciled with God

John 4: Woman at the well

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SPIRITUAL NEEDS

- Every person needs Jesus (Romans 3:9,23; John 3:18)
- God loves every person & He has provided a way to have a personal relationship with them (John 3:16; Romans 2:4)
- God desires to save each lost person—provide salvation (1 Timothy 2:4; 1 John 2:2)
- God has chosen to use others to show and share their experience (Acts 1:8)

WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO IN YOUR LIFE

- He wants to change you in ways you can never change on our own
- He wants to give you a reason to live
- He wants to help you do the right thing
- He wants to give you a heart for other people
- He wants to save your soul and take you to heaven with him forever



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DEVELOPING A HEART FOR OTHERS

1. Show **GENUINE** concern for others
2. Listen to theirs and share **YOUR STORY**
3. Extend an **INVITATION**
to talk to hang out to listen
to church to get more information to explain salvation
4. Expect a variety of **RESPONSES**
closed hearts distracted hearts
shallow hearts fertile hearts
5. Follow-up with the **POSSIBLE** (love) and ask God for the **IMPOSSIBLE** (prayer)

CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE

God allows us to be part of the process of **REACHING** people for Him. Accept the challenge, believe God for results, and rejoiced over **CHANGED LIVES**.

HOMEWORK

Read the stories in John 9 (blind man), Luke 19 (Zacchaeus) and John 4 (woman at the well) and consider the following questions:

1. How would you have loved these three people and met their needs physically, emotionally and spiritually?
2. Are there distractions in your life that prevent you from helping meet the needs of others? Are these distractions more important?
3. What three people in your life can you specifically focus on and meet their needs physically, emotionally and spiritually? Share you goal with someone who will encourage you to follow through.
4. Have you ever experienced the love of God? Has a Christian who didn't show you love kept you from pursuing God? How did Jesus show the blind man, Zacchaeus and the woman at the well love? Did Jesus die specifically for you?

Copies of today's sermon can be purchased at the information center next week.
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