

Helping Others Change

Week 4-The Heart is the Target

Group Discussion

1. In this class we have talked much about the fact that we are all in constant counseling relationships with others. How do you give and receive counsel on a daily basis?
2. Why do people do the things that they do? How do you know?

Review

Week 4

“Effective personal ministry takes the Kingdom promise of lasting change to the place where it is needed—the heart” (Tripp, 58).

3. The Biblical Concept of the Heart

4. The Role of the Heart

a. Luke 6:43-45

b. Matthew 23:25-26

5. Three Principles to Guide Personal Ministry

- a. There is an undeniable root and fruit connection between our heart and our behavior. People and situations do not determine our behavior; they provide the occasion where our behavior reveals our heart.
- b. Lasting change always take place through the pathway of the heart. Fruit change is the result of root change...any agenda for change must focus on the thoughts and desires of the heart.
- c. Therefore, the heart is our target in personal growth and ministry. Our prayer is that God will work heart change in us and use us to produce heart change in others that results in new words, choices and actions.

6. Ezekiel 14:1-5

7. Romans 1:21-25

8. God's Response to Idolatry in Ezekiel 14

9. The Principle of Inescapable Influence:

“Whatever rules the heart will exercise inescapable influence over the person's life and behavior” (Tripp, 68)

10. Ezekiel 36 and the Gospel

11. Applying the Principle

12. It is a Treasure Issue