



My Heart – Week Three

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

Amidst the recent tragedies of George Floyd and other African Americans, Pastor Steve encourages us to respond as believers to bring about healing and lasting change in our hearts, our church, our community, and our nation.

Discussion Questions

If you watched Pastor Steve's sermon message, what resonated most with you?

No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8. As followers of Jesus, we have the responsibility and the spiritual authority to influence our culture. In the wake of the traumatic events surrounding the death of George Floyd, here are four things that we can do to bring about change:

1. Continue to pray for the George Floyd family.

As our hearts grieve over this egregious tragedy, continue to pray for the George Floyd family.

2. We stand with the African American people in our church and community.

- It's a time to stand with and to listen.
- Standing with the African American community doesn't mean we stand *against* the police.

- We support peaceful protests, but we don't advocate riots or violence as a means to protest.
- In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., **"...Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that..."** This statement reflects the power of God's love and our love for others. How can you practically apply this principle in your life?

3. Search our hearts.

- Psalm 139:23-24 reads, **"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."**
- Ask God to search your heart and reveal any bigotry, prejudices, or racism. If we confess it and turn from these ungodly beliefs, He is faithful to forgive us. He'll give us a new heart and a kingdom perspective.

4. Pentecost. God's Power comes when the church prays in one accord.

- When the church prayed and was in unity and of one accord, the culture experienced the benefits.
- **"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."** – Acts 2:1. What can you do to create unity amongst believers?

Prayer

Father, we humble ourselves before You and ask You to search our hearts. Search our hearts, Lord, for bias, racial prejudice, or bigotry. Lord, we want to see people as You wonderfully created them. Change our hearts, give us Your eyes to see, and Your love for all people. Show me You would have me do to bring unity to the believers and change to my community. Pray for the specific needs of the group.