

1. **Launchers:** “In the heart of every man is a God-shaped vacuum...” Do you have a story where you realized the weight of this reality?
2. **Worship God: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

Worship the LORD for how He is glorious in His beauty, power and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He has made Himself known to us so that we can have the highest and best joys possible in Him.

3. **Sermon Reflection: One Thing I Will Seek, Psalm 27**

#### **The Power of Desire**

- How do desires reveal themselves? Or another way of thinking about it, how would others outside of us be able to notice our desires?
- How does the culture treat us if our desires lack dedication and zeal? How does this pressure from our peers cause us to live?
- “Has something or someone besides Jesus Christ taken title of your heart’s trust, preoccupation, loyalty, service, fear and delight?” (David Powlison quote) – What desires consume you?

#### **Hijacked Desires**

- How are idolatries just *hijacked* desires?
- What 2 sets of problems do idols create?
- Read verse 2 together. What does David’s final line reveal about the idols that we chase?
- Have you ever used “should not” language to fight idolatry? How well has that gone for you? What is the only way to break the power of our affection towards idols?

#### **Can A Heart Be Purified?**

- How can our desires be redeemed?
- How does Jesus take care of the 2 major problems our idols create? Why did he do this? (Think of the Les Misérables illustration)
- Read v.13-14 repeatedly as a group (3x). Does this excite you? Believe these verses together in prayer and adoration.

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

1. Worship the LORD for how He is glorious in His beauty, power and love. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for how He has made Himself known to us so that we can have the highest and best joys possible in Him.
2. How have you lived as if you have to follow through on your desires in order to be authentic? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive your idolatries and fulfill you by His sufficiency.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for how He was rejected in our place that we would gain His worth. Thank Him for being passionately committed to every good desire, the love of His Father’s surpassing worth, to give us His new desires.
4. Who do you know who lives controlled (enslaved?) by their desires? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His saving power and love and that He would set them free.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and peace, especially in how the LORD alone is sufficient to anchor your worth and life passions. Pray for His work to root out your idols, and to establish you in Christ.

5. **Mission: Christians have the honor of showing the surpassing worth of knowing and desiring the LORD.**

- Make a list of your friends and enemies who are idol-driven, causing issues of worth that lead to alienation, separation, and fall out.
- Make a list of your friends and enemies who have a strong idol-desire, causing issues of desire like addiction, excess, and greed.
- Read Ezekiel 36:24-28. Pray and ask Holy Spirit to transform your friends and enemies. Specifically, that they will find their ultimate worth and desire in verse 28.