

## **Guard Your Heart**

### **Pro 4:23 (NLT)**

**23** Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

### **Gateways to Our Hearts**

1. What we \_\_\_\_\_ (IMAGES)
2. What we \_\_\_\_\_ (INFORMATION)
3. What we \_\_\_\_\_ (INVOLVEMENT)

### **How Do Things Enter into Our Hearts?**

1. You must accept and believe it.
2. You must hear, see, or experience it over and over.
3. When that thing occupies your mind most of the time, it will get into your heart.

### **Illustration:**

1. David – 2 Samuel 11:1-4
2. Absalom and Amnon – 2 Samuel 13:1-2, 5 15, 22, 28
3. Ahithophel, and David – 2 Samuel 16:23, 20-21
4. Eve – Genesis 3:1-10
5. Judas Iscariot - John 12:1-8; John 13:2, 26-27, 30

# Growth Group Discussion

For the week of February 4, 2024

## WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Looking back at your notes *from the teaching on our hearts*, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

1. Has the devil put something into your heart that you did not know then but know now?
2. If so, what did you do after nursing those thoughts?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is the heart in the context of this lesson?
2. *Complete the following sentence:* If our hearts control what we receive then we must work on our heart's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. READ Eve and Judas' story in Genesis 3:1-10 and John 12:1-8 & 13:2, 26-27, 30. Discuss the tools Satan used in both cases. What role does reason, will and choice play in guarding our hearts?
4. Read the stories of Ahithophel and David, Absalom, and Amnon in 2 Samuel 13:1 - 17:23 and discuss; the trigger, Satanic suggestion, when Satan entered the heart and the execution.

## HOW DOES THIS LESSON APPLY TO ME?

Discuss any possible applications.

## PRAYER TIME

Please pray for none another that God will help us not to