

**Heart Condition
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Rich Sherwood
December 31, 2023**

Matthew 18:15-17 NIV

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”

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Small Group Leader: Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. If using this as a family, choose 2 - 3 questions to go deeper in faith.

Open in Prayer.

Bible Study Questions:

Read Acts 28:27

Why do you think a calloused heart keeps us from being healed?

Read Proverbs 13:10

Proverbs often show two opposing statements. In this one, it shows that pride and strife go together, but the opposing point to that is that accepting advice goes with wisdom. How would you see these two statements as it relates to the condition of one's heart?

What is the relationship between pride in a hard heart?

Read Luke 8:4-15 (The parable of the sower)

In this parable, there are four types of soil that the sower's seed fall into. These soils represent the hearts of different people. In your own words, how would you describe the four different hearts?

This parable gives us four different conditions of the heart. If we were to put our hearts on a scale of 1 to 10. One being hard as a rock, where nothing penetrates and 10 being completely penetrable. Where do you think you would end up and why?

As we go into the new year, would you like to see the condition of your heart change? If so, how and why?

What are some ways that you could implement changes?

Is there anyone who could help keep you accountable to make those changes?

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