

Sin and the Heart – Matthew 15:18-20

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START TALKING | *Get your group thinking.*

- 1. Describe a time when frustration or anger caused you to respond in an ungodly or sinful manner. How was the situation ultimately resolved?
- 2. Why do you think people tend to point to external pressures to justify their sinful responses?

START SHARING | *Get your group engaging with the message.*

Read Matthew 15:18-20

- 3. Pastor Koby said, "We can't blame our sin on circumstance or the people around us." What things defile a person and where do they come from?
- 4. Read Romans 6:17-18. Describe how this passage teaches that we, as believers, are no longer slaves to sin, but set free from sin?
- 5. Why can't we solve our sin problem by simply focusing on changing our behavior? What happens when we only focus on changing behavior?
- 6. Read James 4:1 and Galatians 5:16. What did Pastor Koby say we need to do to truly conquer sin in our lives?

START LIVING | Get your group applying God's Word to daily life.

- 7. What were the five diagnostic questions that Pastor Koby gave us so we can root out those objects of worship and deal with the sin in our hearts? How would you answer each?
- 8. Read Psalm 37:4. What desire of your heart is or potentially could be occupying the spot reserved only for King Jesus? What do you need to do to change that?