

STUDY GUIDE: “The Method of the Heart”

Discussion Starters

1. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you presenting the gospel to a group?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you presenting the gospel to someone individually?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“lost” (Luke 19:10)—

--“ambassadors” (2 Corinthians 5:20)—

--“making an appeal” (2 Corinthians 5:20)—

--“make a defense” (1 Peter 3:15)—

--“gospel” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)—

--“friend” (Matthew 11:19)—

4. What is the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-14)? How well do you believe people understand this?

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5. What does it mean to sin “in your heart”? How does this relate to choosing to have Jesus’ heart (Matthew 5:28)?

6. Give an example of someone “making an appeal” for Christ. What are the key elements of this action (Matthew 5:20)?

7. What is the difference between “making an appeal” (Matthew 5:20) and making “a defense” (1 Peter 3:15)?

Taking It Home

8. Describe the role of an ambassador. Does that role describe your life? Please explain.

9. What inhibits people from faithfully representing Jesus to people? Make a list below and note how each could be overcome.

10. Who are you representing Jesus to today?