



## Week 3: Fill in the Blank

Most people understand the importance of monitoring the physical condition of their heart. Jesus taught that the spiritual and emotional condition of the heart is what's most important in this life. Your heart is the control center. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." The goal of a follower of Jesus should be to allow our hearts to break for the things that break God's heart. When you are faced with another person in a tough situation or in desperate need, how does your heart respond? Do you feel\_\_\_\_\_?

## Discussion Questions

1. If someone were to ask you to name the greatest commandment in the Bible, what would you say?
2. Have you ever thought about what it means to love your neighbor as yourself? What do you think is the significance of loving others as you love yourself? Do you struggle with the idea of loving yourself?
3. Have you ever heard the story of the "Good Samaritan"? What did you hear in the story that you have never thought about before? What did you find the most meaningful?
4. When you see someone in need, what is the default response that you find in your heart? Do you think that feeling "compassion" for others is something that is an area of growth for you? What has kept you from feeling compassion for others in need? Have you ever asked yourself, "What if I was in that same situation? How would I want to be treated?"
5. What are some ways that you can cultivate God's heart for other people? Do you think that you have ever experienced or received God's relentless love toward you? Why is it so hard to receive his love?