The Heart Revealed
Mark 7:1-23

The Word of the God of the universe is a powerful and holy thing. My interpretation of it is not. When I lose that necessary _____ in my understanding and treatment of scripture, I am in spiritual trouble at the deepest level.

Discussion 1. As you study scripture and gain a deeper and deeper understanding of it, how do you maintain humility in that understanding? What kinds of disciplines help you hold your interpretations loosely while growing stronger in your faith?

For a Christ follower, good theology should make me a good lover of both _____ and _____. If my faith allows me to love one but not the other, then it has yet to mature.

Discussion 2. If I love God but don't love others, am I really loving God? If I love others but do not love God, do I really even know what genuine love is? In your own faith journey, in which are you still growing the most: loving God or loving others?

When we as Christ followers are getting things horribly wrong, it is much more likely to be a _____ _____ than merely a problem with outward behavior. The solution, then, is rarely as simple as changing our behavior. We must have our hearts changed.

Discussion 3. If my heart needs to change, and if only God can do that, then what is my role in that process? What does that heart change require of me?

Where I am in terms of God's progressive revelation in my life is measured most accurately at the level of the _____. My choices and actions are merely a reflection of my heart.

Discussion 4. David wrote: "Search me oh God and know my heart..." How does that process work for you? How, exactly, do you search and test the condition of your own heart to see where you are in terms of progressive revelation?