

# JESUS: THE HEART CHANGER

Parable of the Heart, Luke 8:1-15  
May 13, 16-17, 2015: Ken Philbeck, East Campus Pastor

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The condition of my heart is a reflection of my nearness to God. The things I long for and seek after are a reflection of my nearness to God. The nearer I am to God – the clearer I hear Him. *2 Timothy 2:15*

Parables both reveal and conceal. They reveal meaning to those who received Him...who believed in Him and they concealed meaning to those who do not.

The challenge is not getting God to speak to us as much as it is getting into a position to listen to Him. *Isaiah 6:9*

Our understanding is as big as our commitment and our submission – it is really dependent on our commitment and submission.

Some people don't listen because they have hearts that are hardened to the truth, but if you let it, God's Word can change your heart.

The truth is, the ability to understand the Word of God is not a function of the intellect; it's a function of the will.

Some people don't listen because they have shallow hearts, but if you let it, God's Word can help handle all the trials that you face and you can grow deep roots.

Some people don't listen because they have distracted hearts, but if you let it, God's Word can help you develop right priorities...if you'll let it.

Some people grow consistently because when they listen they see God's Word produce great fruit in their life.

*Matthew 7:24-27, Galatians 5:22-23*

Hearts can change when they stay open and receptive... humble and obedient.

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## S- Scripture

## O- Observation

## A- Application

## P- Prayer

## Luke Reading Plan - Week 10

1. Luke 13:22-35

2. Luke 14:1-11

3. Luke 14:12-24

4. Luke 14:25-35

5. Luke 15:1-10

6. Luke 15:11-32

7. Luke 16:1-13

## Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### Children's Ministry Re-Registration

In order to move children up to the next age group in Kidstreet and Elevate, all parents must re-register their children by Sunday, May 17. Children will move up on June 3, 6 and 7. Please register your child at the station outside the children's check-in area.

### Xplore: Discover God's Word, World and Work

**9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30**

#### Room 204

This one-day course explores God's purpose for the world and how we can be part of it. You'll learn the biblical basis for missions, get an overview of how the church is involved and see how each person really can make a difference. Sign up at [SCCgo.com/xplore](http://SCCgo.com/xplore) by Wednesday, May 27. Bring \$20 to cover the cost of your book, lunch and snacks. For more information, email Matt at [mrogie@teamexpansion.org](mailto:mrogie@teamexpansion.org).

### Lake Baptisms

**1 p.m. Sunday, May 31**

#### The Lake

If you have heard, believed, repented and confessed Christ as your personal Lord and Savior but haven't yet been baptized, we invite you to come and be baptized in the lake by Cam. If you would like to do this, come forward at the end of any service or visit Connecting Point in the lobby.

### New Weekend Service Times

**Starting June 6 and 7**

We are changing our service times back to 4:30 and 6:15 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:15 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. We aren't changing Wednesday nights. Programming for infants through fifth-graders will be available at all services. Blitz, our middle school ministry, will meet during the 4:30 and the 9:15 services. Element, our high school ministry, will continue to meet on Sunday nights but will also have a class during the 9:15 service.

## 2015 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through April

**Average Weekly Attendance:** 8,304

**General Giving:** \$4,789,822

**Faith Promise (Global Outreach):** \$378,048

**The ONE Campaign Pledged:** \$11,467,814

**The ONE Campaign Received:** \$6,830,603 (60%)

**Online, Mobile and Kiosk Giving (41% of total giving):** \$2,635,323

**Transfers and Baptisms:** 271