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Danny Anderson
Soul Keeping, week 3

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
- Proverbs 4:23

The condition of your soul determines the quality of your life.

The primary source of our problems in this life comes from our will.

- *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?* - Jeremiah 17:9
- *None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.* - Romans 3:10-11

Sin splits the soul.

- ...he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. - James 1:8
- *“Apart from God the will drifts into duplicity and deception.”*
- Dallas Willard

The soul gets lost.

- *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?* - Mark 8:36

1. Confess your sin.

- Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. - James 5:16
- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. - Psalm 51:6

2. Surrender your will to God’s will.

- *“A surrendered will is the single-minded focus upon doing the will of God in everything.”* - Dallas Willard
- *“My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.”* - John 4:34
- *“For I always do what pleases him.”* - John 8:29
- *“Fallen man isn’t simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement, he is a rebel who must lay down his arms.”*
- C.S. Lewis

3. Turn your mind over to God.

- The will cannot be exercised without a thought being held before it.
- *And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.* - Philippians 4:8

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY ACTS 13:42 – 14:7	MONDAY ACTS 14:8-28	TUESDAY ACTS 15:1-35
This Week →	June 21	June 22	June 23
WEDNESDAY ACTS 15:36 – 16:15	THURSDAY ACTS 16:16-40	FRIDAY ACTS 17:1-34	SATURDAY ACTS 18:1-22
June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 4:34			

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. Who or what do most people blame for the trouble in their lives? Before this talk, who or what would you have said was the primary source your problems?

2. Dallas Willard wrote, "Apart from God, the will drifts into duplicity and deception." READ Romans 7:18-21. How does this inner struggle Paul wrote about explain/illustrate the duplicity of your soul? What comes to mind when you think about the right or good you want to do but don't?

READ James 1:8. Danny said, "When we make a choice to do something we know we should not do the soul seeks to find healing." How does your soul attempt to reconcile your bad choices, or seek to heal itself, without turning to God?

3. Danny offered three steps to properly heal our soul – confess our sin, surrender our will, and turn our mind over to God.

What are the benefits of confessing our sin? How does the act of confession put the soul back together?

How does surrendering the will heal the soul? What does a surrendered will look like?

What are you currently allowing to shape your thought process that harms the soul? What are you currently allowing to shape your thoughts that heals the soul?

4. READ Matthew 5:8. C.S. Lewis said, "The pure in heart will see God because only the pure in heart want to." What steps do you need to take toward confessing your sin to others? What does surrendering yourself to God look like for you during this next week? How will you give your mind only great options to choose from?



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Greenwood Campus

June 20 & 21, 2015

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

678

GREENWOOD

2,793

TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 3,471

Offering: \$82,630

May Attendance Averages: Banta - 719, Greenwood - 2,898

May Giving Average: \$81,574

\$91,000 per week fully funds our 2-Year Vision.