



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, September 28, 2025

The Heart of the Matter

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Read/Reflect

1. Read Jeremiah 17:5-10. Jeremiah likens our hearts to plants: living or withering! How does this image resonate with you?
 - ☐ I'm like the bush in the desert because ...
 - ☐ I'm like a tree by a stream because ...
 - ☐ I'm not a plant person; I don't know where my heart is at.
2. What does Jeremiah say about our hearts (vs. 9)? What does this mean for our ability to turn our hearts to trust in God? What is the hope in verse 10?

Explore

3. Jeremiah's assessment of those who turn their hearts from God is bleak (vs.6). Do you see hearts that are turned away from God? Where are the places this is occurring? Does Jeremiah's assessment fit with what you observe?
4. Which is easier for you to observe: hearts turning away from God or hearts turning toward God? Which do you pay more attention to? Where have you seen hearts that are turning toward God right now?
5. Where in your life might God be doing the work that Jeremiah describes in verse 10? Where in the world might he be doing that work?
6. In Sunday's sermon, Pastor Todd challenges the congregation to be ready to welcome new people into the church who may not know anything about Christianity. How ready are you to do this? What do you need to become ready?

Pray

- Pray for spiritual renewal, for eyes to see it happening, and for God to equip you for the harvest.
- Pray for the work of ministry that Todd Statham is involved with at the UBC-Okanagan campus.