Small Group Conversation Guide | Fall 2022

Small Group Lesson: Week 1
Message: Flip the Script: Becoming a Good Person
Main Idea: A good person is defined by a transformed heart.
Main Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

Group Check-In: What was the best experience you or your family had last week?

Prayer

Connect: Growing up, what was your picture of a good person?

Video

In the Word:

1. **Matthew 5:17-20**
- What does Jesus say regarding the Old Testament Law and the Prophets?
- In our current day language, what does righteousness mean to you?
- The Pharisees were a sect that defined righteousness in terms of perfect observance of The Law. Why did Jesus say that our righteousness needs to surpass the perfect righteousness of the Pharisees?

2. **Matthew 23:25-28**
- What do the metaphors Jesus uses in this passage communicate?

3. **Luke 6:45**
- What determines the output of a person's words and actions?
- What kind of things would be "good stored up" in a person's heart?

Application:

1. How does the description "white washed tombs" describe us today?
2. How relevant are Jesus observations of the Pharisees to your own spiritual life?
3. This week, rather than avoiding sin by trying to be perfect, how will you pursue surpassing goodness?

Prayer