

Soul Care **Jeremiah 2:1-13**

Image Management & The Pharisees

Matthew 23: 25-28 & 5

Basic Truths

- Christianity is all about Healthy Souls
- Christianity is a Matter of the Heart
- The Transformed Life occurs from the Inside Out

Implosion from an Unhealthy Soul

WHY?

- Only a spiritually healthy church, with spiritually healthy families with spiritually healthy people can become
A Church on a Mission

SOULCARE basics

Key verse: Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!”

The Purpose: To motivate God’s people toward developing healthy souls

The Goal: Passionate Spirituality

The Result: Fulfillment of God’s Mission--to enthusiastically introduce people to Jesus Christ and to help people live as Christ’s fully devoted followers

The Theme Song: “From The Inside Out”

Jeremiah Basics & Unique Features

Jeremiah 2:1-13

vs. 1-12

v. 13 My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Cistern: a hole dug in the ground lined with plaster that collected rain water

2 Sins (evils)

1. They rejected & abandoned God, the true source of life
2. They tried to find life from idols that have no life

TRUTHS

1. People are created by God for God
2. People are spiritual beings made with a soul
3. People can only receive spiritual life in their souls from God
4. If people turn to anything else besides God to nourish their souls, then there will be no spiritual life

OBSERVATIONS

1. People are Thirsty: all people are designed to have a meaningful spiritual friendship with God
2. People are Foolish: people try to find a fulfilling spiritual life apart from God

John 7:37-38 ³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

APPLICATION

1. My Soul is thirsty
2. Only God, the Living Water, can satisfy my thirsty soul
3. It is utterly foolish to seek satisfaction outside of a deep friendship with God

My Soul Needs Care!