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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

FENCES
Week 4 – My Heart

ICE-BREAKER:

What do fences have to do with our heart? How can fences protect it and keep it safe?

DISCUSS:

For a fence to matter, it must be respected. Provide an example of how God respect our personal fences.

Some fences are placed by God, some are built by others, and some are left up to us to build. Please share an example of each.

READ: *"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander."* **- Matthew 15:19 (NIV)**

How do such ugly things find their way into our hearts? From a practical standpoint, what fences might prevent things like this from entering out hearts?

READ:

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."
- Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

The reason we need fences to protect our heart is because in the living of life, if we are not careful, things creep into our heart that should not be allowed to remain. What are some potential hazards you may encounter without a fence around your heart?

APPLY:

Are there some specific fences you have erected around your heart to protect it? If so, would you be willing to share one with this group?

Would you be willing to crawl up on the examination table and allow the Holy Spirit to shine the penetrating light of His truth into the darkest corners of your heart today?

What has been the most helpful part of this series for you personally?