



TALK IT OVER

Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel. Choose just one or a few of the questions to consider this week.

Warm-Up:

When was a time in your life when you realized you were “getting it wrong” and had to be corrected or redirected? What did that experience produce in you?

Discuss:

1. Think about your closest relationships (spouse, kids, coworkers, friends). Where might pride, self-interest, or “my way” thinking be quietly shaping your responses?
2. The message emphasizes an honest “heart check.” What might God be trying to reveal in you right now? Is there an attitude, habit, or mindset that needs confession and surrender?
3. What would it look like for you to adopt a consistent “for you” mindset this week? How might that change the tone of your relationships?



Apply:

Set aside intentional time for a personal heart check. Ask God to reveal any areas of pride, self-focus, or resistance to serving. Write down one specific way you will choose to serve someone this week—especially in a way that feels inconvenient or unnoticed—and follow through on it. Then reflect on how that act shapes your heart.

Let this be part of your Lenten journey: a steady practice of surrendering self and choosing the way of Jesus through quiet, consistent acts of service.

Pray:

Father God, we praise you our God and King. We confess to you our self-ambition and pride. Through Jesus our Christ, we re-align our hearts and actions to follow the teachings of Jesus and the path you have set before us.

Your Word tells us that you have equipped us for every good work through the gift of your Holy Spirit. Father, give us a heart of love toward others, that we may see them as you do and to love them accordingly. May we serve others as Jesus has served us, sacrificially and lovingly, by which we have life to the full now and for eternity. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

If you want to serve but aren't sure where to start, we can help. Scan the QR code, visit mclan church.org/serve or call the church office at (814) 734-1907.

