**Sermon Discussion and Reflection Guide**

**Week 2. “The Problem with Two Masters”**

**Matthew 6:24**

**ROBINE: PLEASE INSERT THE SCRIPTURE TEXTS AS YOU DID LAST WEEK. THX! (AND OF COURSE REMOVE THIS NOTE ☺)**

**Key Verse:** ”No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Matthew 6:24 CEB)

**Summary:** Abraham Lincoln was quoting Jesus when he said that a house divided against itself cannot stand. As we examine where our treasure lies (our money, time, and energy), we must look at our hearts. Do we have undivided hearts, or are we torn apart by too many obligations and masters? We are first called to love God with our whole heart, mind, and strength; then, when God is in the proper place in our hearts, the other things in our lives fall into place. God is a jealous God (Exodus 34:14) who wants not just a piece of our hearts but all of us.

**Meditation Starter:** What are some of the “masters” in our lives that compete for our hearts?

**Read and Reflect:**

**Read Jeremiah 29:13-14a**.

What does it mean to seek God with your whole heart? What other things do we substitute for seeking God wholeheartedly? Why do you think our lives seem to go better when we put God first?

**Read Psalm 86:10-12.**

What do you think are some ways God teaches us?

**Read Ezekiel 11:19-20.**

God gives us a new heart. What are some ways in which we can open ourselves to receive this gift? What are some ways in which, if we aren’t careful, we harden our hearts toward God and the things he wants to teach us?

**Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, make us aware of our masters, whether they are things, people, or you. Put our hearts right, so that you are the master of our lives. Help us to seek you and your wisdom and store up treasures in heaven. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Things I’d like to remember from this week’s sermon:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_