

Podcast Worksheet
Dualism: Heart of Stone or Heart of Flesh?
Part 2: The Dualistic Life

Scriptural Text:

Malachi 2:10; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 4:5-7; Romans 14: 4, 10, 13

Main Points:

1. God asks us to view all people as one, created by God and inherently valuable.
2. *We are beginning to understand, amidst the horror and suffering of our divisions, that we will be well to the extent that we move back into relationship with one another, whether as individuals and families or as nations and species.* John Philip Newell
3. Judgment builds fences. Love tears them down.
4. Tearing down fences requires healing. We need to follow the way of Christ, giving forgiveness to everyone who has offended us.
5. God hates divisions in every form. He sent his Son to die for us so that divisions could be mended.
6. We need a proper perspective: We are no better than anyone else; we are not the special group.
7. There's no one outside God's group.

Questions:

1. Where are you judging and excluding those different from you? Consider the following list: nationalities, skin colors, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, political views, economic status, sports teams, body types, genders, people with different work ethics, churches with different practices, Christians who make different choices, members of your church who live or believe differently, family who have offended you. Using the circle diagram on the next page, fill in the names of groups or individuals you have judged and/or excluded.
2. Commit to pray, asking God to heal the divisions in your heart.

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, please make me aware of the ways I am judging and excluding people and groups. Open my eyes to clearly see this sin. Show me where I need to forgive and grieve. I choose to obey you in these things, by your grace. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____
