

Going Deeper Questions
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“Hard Questions That Lead to a Soft Heart”

Main Point: Jesus will challenge our relational attitude, our spiritual authenticity, and our mental awareness in order to bring us into a deeper relationship with the Father.

- 1. *Read John 7:16-31 and Proverbs 12:1, 15.*** Do you find yourself encouraged, confused, or offended by the questions Jesus asks here? What brings you to that response?
- 2. *Re-read John 7:19.*** “The Law was not given to show us how *righteous* we are for our ability to keep it, but to show us how *broken* we are for our inability to keep it.” Reflect on this statement. Give God thanks for His mercy, forgiveness and grace in your life!
- 3. *Read and memorize Psalm 139:23-24.*** Hard Question: Where in your life are you making excuses for falling short?
- 4. *Read Galatians 5:1-6.*** Hard Question: Where in your life are you putting on a show of your faith?
- 5. *Read Colossians 3:1-17.*** Hard Question: What do you *think* you know about God that is keeping you from truly knowing Him and His ways?

There are two possible responses to the hard questions that Jesus asks of you: a softened heart, increasing in faith in Him and growing closer to Him; or a hardened heart, rejecting Him and growing further distant from Him.

Which one will you be?