

HEARTWIRED

The Unchangeable Future

God has hardwired His heart for the world into the hearts of those who are His

Psalm 5:12; 47:9; 1 Kings 10:16-17; 2 Chronicles 12:9-11; John 1

1. Ayn Rand said, “We can ignore reality, but we cannot ignore the consequence of ignoring reality.” What realities do you think are being ignored, to the church in America’s detriment?
2. For God to build his church, engagement, partnership, investment, impact, community, and openness are needed. In your opinion, which of the following actions, taken from our Impact challenge from the Fall of 2019, are the most important for us to embrace right now?
 - a. **Whole-hearted engagement:** it takes a village to impact a city (Josh. 6:1-20)
 - b. **Relational networks:** there is power in joining hands with others (Joshua 22:9-34).
 - c. **Legacy giving:** the best grandparents are those leveraging their wisdom, insight, and resources to impact a future generation (Joshua 14:1-2; 6-14)
 - d. **Impact through rites:** Christ-centered rituals create spiritual space to impact others (Joshua 5:2-12)
 - e. **The All and the Small:** moving forward together and communing in groups (Joshua 24:1-15)
 - f. **A preview of Heaven:** being the kind of community that reflects the diversity of our zip code (Joshua 8:30-35)
3. In today’s service we blessed four local ministries. Briefly share about a local ministry that is close to your heart. Why is that ministry so important to you?
4. Psalm 47:9, 1 Kings 10:16-17, 2 Chronicles 12:9-11, and Psalm 5:12 talk about security and safety. Rehoboam trusted in his own ability to secure his future. How can the church display her trust in God’s ability to protect her?
5. By encouraging non-church people to ‘dwell’ with us we get the opportunity to ‘dwell’ with them. With John 1:1-14 in mind, what principles of ‘dwell time’ can we extract from the incarnation? What makes ‘being with’ people difficult today?