

**The Heart of the Matter:
Why Do I Need Forgiveness?
March 5**

In last week's message Rev offered some questions for reflection during the season of Lent. Those questions were:

Have I only taken half-truths of the gospel and rationalized away any of God's desired obedience?

Have I allowed myself to be deceived into thinking I don't have a problem with pride, or self-centeredness?

Have I embraced the self-serving bias by believing that I am an above average disciple and therefore have few areas for growth?

Am I burdened with guilt and shame because I will not accept the grace of Christ?

Do I shower others with the grace of Christ in the same measure of which I have received it myself?

These are not fun questions...but they get to the heart of the matter, and when we unburden the heart, grace can take hold.