



Key Points:

- There are actually four prayers here:
 - **Search my heart** - our hearts without Jesus are fundamentally not good.
 - **Reveal my fears** - What we fear the most reveals where we trust God the least.
 - **Uncover my sins** - confession to God is for forgiveness, and forgiveness to people is for healing.
 - **Lead me**
- God doesn't want to reveal this stuff to us in order to rub our faces in it, but to work in us and through us to become more like Jesus and more like the people He created us to be.

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. Did you ever play Truth or Dare as a child? What's something you can't believe you said or did?

Start thinking [Get the group thinking around the subject]

2. Why do you think it's important to ask God to search you?
3. Why do you think we tend to be afraid of God's searchlight?

Start sharing [Choose a question to create openness]

4. How does the idea of asking God to search your heart make you feel? Is anything keeping you from praying this prayer? If so, what?
5. Is there anything that seems to cause you constant or unnecessary anxiety? How will you begin to trust God with this fear?
6. What makes you feel most defensive? What do you think the Holy Spirit would say to you about it?

Start praying [Write a short prayer that gets to the heart of 'so what' in your sermon]

7. Holy Spirit, please show us the rubbish in our lives that offends You. Cause it to offend us like it does You. And Father, help us to trade this rubbish for the full life You promised.
8. Start digging. Read Scripture to reflect. (e.g. Jeremiah 17:10, Romans 8:2, Chronicles 28:9, Job 13:23)

Start doing [draw out some steps to do (either in the meeting or this week)]

9. Start each morning this week by asking the Holy Spirit to search you. Make note of what He says and share it with someone.