GOD'S HEART • OUR CITY
"Why?"
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

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- **God's heart for people is that they would find their meaning in Him (vv. 3, 10).**
    - A life can have meaning even if it is a mess in the middle.

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READER'S DIGEST, Dec 2003, p. 79, by Johnathan Powell

- **God's heart for you is that you would know and embrace your assignment (v. 3).**
    - Work, labor, endurance
    - Faith, love, hope

- **God's heart for our city is that it would be deeply impacted by what satisfied Christians say and display (vv. 7-8; Acts 17:1-9).**

QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the premise, “There is an ache in the human heart to live a life of deep meaning…” How does the gospel fulfill this?

2. If you were asked the question, “What is your spiritual gift?” or “What has God called you to do?” how would you answer?

3. How can your gifting impact those who do not attend Salem Heights Church?

4. Why is a church’s (positive) reputation so valuable?