

**Project Hear**  
**Intellectual Conversion**  
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**Newport News Campus**

## Opening

-Annual Business Meeting...

- Nowotnys and Kearneys
- Biggest giving year ever!
- Biggest missions year ever!

-Pastor Jeff Mingee

## Recap

**-I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!**

**-rebellious - reluctant - reflexive**

**-(show the Shema diagram) (talk about this being a heart renovation)**

-conversion simply means to change...

-Mark 4:38-41...nature can't help but obey!

-Mark 3:11-12...demons can't help but obey!

-Are oceans and demons doing a better job with obedience than I am?

-(point back to the diagram)

## Intellectual Conversion

-book entitled Moses in Pharaoh's House...

**-"Intellectual conversion requires one to adopt an attitude of contrite fallibleness that acknowledges the limited nature of one's personal view of the world." (I may not be as right as often as I think I am.)**

***-“People who are actively engaged in an ongoing process of intellectual conversion exhibit a love of truth that transcends any particular belief they might have.” (It might be that what I think the Bible says is not what God intended.)***

-1 Corinthians 13:9-12

**-arrogance pushes others away, narrowing my community!**

**-Proverbs 27:17 (there is no Shema without one another!)**

### **Corrupt Confidence**

-I may not be as right as often as I think I am.

**-(diagram of right and wrong should always equal kindness and gentleness)**

-Colossians 3:13-14

-If you can't be kind and gentle, be quiet! (explain difference between dealing with a person and dealing with an issue)

-Matthew 16:21-24 (talk about exception to kind and gentle!)

***-Always being unyielding pushes others away, narrowing my community, stifling my spiritual maturity, pushes Shema further away!***

-having a contrite fallibleness...

- **Am I really listening to their point of view?**
- **Am I sensitive to the Holy Spirit?**
- **Am I open to the possibility that I'm wrong?**
- **Am I willing to sacrifice pride for honesty?**

## **Multiple Meanings**

-It might be that what I think the Bible says is not what God intended.

-We aren't talking hear about clear moral and doctrinal positions...

- **10 Commandments**
- **Timeless didactic texts**
- **Sins that lead to death**
- **Orthodox beliefs**

-Open Handed Beliefs

- **Consumption of alcohol**
- **Limits on women in ministry**
- **Spiritual language for everyone**
- **Tithing a New Testament principle**
- **Sunday only day for worship**
- **Teenage dating**
- **Divorce and remarriage**

-(this point is about both people might be right even when their respective conclusions are incongruous)

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- **Can I support their motivation?**
- **Can I respect their process?**
- **Can I celebrate their character?**
- **Can I trust their friendship?**

## **Shema**

**-(go back to the chart)**

-Religious Conversion...I need the Holy Spirit if my heart is going to become less rebellious and more reflexive.

-Intellectual Conversion...I need a diverse community if my heart is going to be become less rebellious and more reflexive.

## **Band**

-Do I tend to see everything in life as either being right or wrong?

-Do I deal well with diversity of opinion, even when it is in an area of great concern for me?

-Do I consider other points of view before making a judgment?

-How many fundamental shifts in thinking have I undergone in life? In the last year?