2026-11-08 Scripture

Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Cited or Directly Referenced

Mark 7:1-23
The central passage of the sermon, covering the confrontation with the Pharisees over ceremonial washing, the quote from Isaiah, and the teaching on what truly makes a person unclean.

Isaiah 29:13
Quoted by Jesus in Mark 7:6 — the prophecy about people honoring God with their lips while their hearts are far from him.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Referenced by the pastor regarding rejoicing always, praying continually, and giving thanks in all circumstances as God's will.

Psalm 51
Referenced as David's confession psalm written after Nathan confronted him, described as bringing the pastor to his knees; also the closing reference to a broken and contrite heart.

2 Samuel 12:1-13
The account of Nathan the prophet confronting David with the parable of the stolen sheep, leading into the context of Psalm 51.

Acts 10
Referenced regarding Peter's vision of the sheet with unclean animals and God declaring all foods clean.

Matthew 5-7 (Sermon on the Mount)
Alluded to when referencing the Pharisees' pedigree and their desire to be seen.

Hebrews 10:24-25
Alluded to when referencing Daniel's point about not forsaking the assembling of believers together, spurring one another toward love and good deeds.

Matthew 22:37-40
Alluded to when the pastor summarizes the two greatest commandments — loving God with all heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 9:23
Alluded to when the pastor references Jesus calling his followers to deny themselves and die to self.

Psalm 34:18
Alluded to in the closing when the pastor references angels camping around the brokenhearted.

James 5:16
Alluded to when the pastor encourages confessing sins to one another, noting promises of healing.

Suggested Verses Aligned with Key Themes

Romans 12:2
On not conforming to the world but being transformed — directly supports the pastor's point that Christians have conformed Christianity to their lives rather than conforming their lives to Christ.

Galatians 5:16-25
On walking by the Spirit versus the desires of the flesh — aligns with the internal tug-of-war theme throughout the sermon.

Proverbs 4:23

On guarding the heart as the wellspring of life — supports the sermon's emphasis on the heart as the source of both good and evil.

1 Timothy 4:4-5
On receiving food with thanksgiving and prayer consecrating it — alluded to when the pastor references Paul's teaching that anything can be received with thanksgiving.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7
On teaching children God's commands diligently — supports the pastor's exhortation to parents to raise their children in godliness.