

## **Calvary Chapel Crawfordsville**

Sunday night study—August 15-September 26

**Renewing your mind...**A seven week examination of Romans 12:2 trying to figure out what it means to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

### **1. Thinking about thinking.**

A quick look at both the positive and negative aspects of thinking and some consideration of seven things the scriptures tell us about our thinking.

### **2. What is the question?**

Trying to understand why questions are the key to all our learning. Learning to ask the right questions as well as how to listen for the questions that the Bible asks us.

### **3. How do we know anything?**

Reviewing six ways that we acquire knowledge and thinking about the relationship of faith and reason in the age of science. Making some effort to understand the difference between knowledge and wisdom in the world of information in which we live.

### **4. What is a Christian worldview?**

Demonstrating how the Christian view of the world in which we live really is the best explanation we have and thinking about how that story should be central to our view of all things.

### **5. Schizophrenic Christianity.**

Looking at the difficulty of trying to live in two different worlds and coming to understand that God's redemption ultimately applies to all creation.

### **6. Imagine that!**

Considering the role that a sanctified imagination plays in helping us understand spiritual things and the essential role our imaginations play in enabling us to love one another.

### **7. Where did you get that attitude?**

Examining some of the places we seem to get our attitudes from and comparing them with both God's expectations and the role we play in "choosing" our attitude.

**Session 1 - Thinking about thinking**  
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**Thinking, even for a Christian, is a mixed blessing:**

On the positive side, thinking has the possibility of giving us three things:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

On the challenging side there are also three accompanying dangers:

thinking is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity.

there is the danger that thinking will cause you to become a \_\_\_\_\_.

there is a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ that accompanies thinking as

there is always one more \_\_\_\_\_ to be asked

**Scriptures tell us:**

**One of two things is going to \_\_\_\_\_ our mind.**

Matthew 16:23-

Romans 8:6-8-

**2. Our thinking needs to \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Corinthians 14:20-

Romans 12:2-

**3. We are often \_\_\_\_\_ in our thinking.**

Luke 24:37-

John 20:15-

Acts 14:19-

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ thinking always begins with three things.**

Romans 1:21-

Mark 12:30-

**5. We need to think on \_\_\_\_\_ things.**

2 Peter 3:1-

Philippians 4:8-

**6. God \_\_\_\_\_ what we are thinking.**

Mark 2:8-

**7. There is much we will \_\_\_\_\_ know...until \_\_\_\_\_ shows us.**

1 Corinthians 2:9-10-

1 Corinthians 2:16-

I John 3:2-

**Session 2-What is the question?**  
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**Three kinds of questioners:**

1. those who have \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
2. those that have more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.
3. those that think they have \_\_\_\_\_ the answers.

**2. Questions are important because:**

- A. Nothing is ever \_\_\_\_\_ unless you first ask a question.
- B. You won't own the \_\_\_\_\_ until you own the \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Two kinds of questions:**

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| 1. | 2. |
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**4. Questions we bring to the Bible:**

Does God \_\_\_\_\_? What \_\_\_\_\_ of God is He? What are His \_\_\_\_\_?

How do I \_\_\_\_\_ to the God that is?

Do we really have \_\_\_\_\_ or are we merely puppets in some cosmic play?

Are our \_\_\_\_\_ controlled by fate, circumstances, change, or our own decisions?

What is the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_? of \_\_\_\_\_? of \_\_\_\_\_?

Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and hell? What are they \_\_\_\_\_ like?

How could a good and loving sovereign God allow so much \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to exist?

**5. Questions the Bible brings to us:**

*What is a man \_\_\_\_\_ if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? (Matthew 16:26)*

*Am I my brother's \_\_\_\_\_? (Genesis 4:9)*

*If God is \_\_\_\_\_ us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)*

*What is \_\_\_\_\_? (John 18:38)*

*How can a man be \_\_\_\_\_ when he is old? (John 3:4)*

*What does a man gain by all the \_\_\_\_\_ at which he toils under the sun? (Ecclesiastes 1:3)*

*Whither shall I go from thy \_\_\_\_\_? (Psalm 139:7)*

*Who is my \_\_\_\_\_? (Luke 10:29)*

*What shall I do to \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life? (Luke 10:25)*

*"But what about you?" he asked. " \_\_\_\_\_ do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15)*

**Session 3-How do we know anything?  
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**Five ways that we acquire knowledge:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**2. Revelation**

- A. General-
- B. Specific-

**3. God has spoken specifically to us in three ways:**

1. through His \_\_\_\_\_.
2. through His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. through His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. The Age of Science tells us that:**

- A. something is true and reasonable to the degree that it can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. all genuine knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Science is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.
- D. religion and ethics deal with \_\_\_\_\_, subjective \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Scriptures tell us that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**6. Three biblical principles concerning knowledge:**

1. Knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Knowledge that doesn't include \_\_\_\_\_ is not true knowledge.
3. Knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_.

"If it is true that you can only know someone to the extent that person is willing to reveal themselves to you, then it is also true that the God of the Universe has chosen to reveal Himself to us in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. **The Incarnation is at the very heart of knowing the God who speaks.**"

**Session 4-What is a Christian Worldview?**  
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*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind.* (Romans 12:2)

Jesus told us to love God with all of our heart, soul, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Your worldview is the total of all \_\_\_\_\_ you hold about the world.

4. Your worldview shapes the way you \_\_\_\_\_, and conversely, the way you live reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ you really hold.

5. A good worldview must demonstrate the following six things:

1. Correspondence-

2. Consistency-

3. Cogency-

4. Complexity and clarity-

5. Comprehensiveness-

6. Competent-

6. To think "Christianly" implies ten things:

1. That your view of Scriptures corresponds to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. That you hold a \_\_\_\_\_ view of reality.

3. That you accept the \_\_\_\_\_ as authoritative in your life.

4. That you hold a scriptural concept of \_\_\_\_\_.

5. That you believe God's \_\_\_\_\_ have always been to magnify his glory.

6. That being made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God means we have value, dignity and purpose.

7. That you are realistic about the nature of \_\_\_\_\_ men and women.

8. That you can see the \_\_\_\_\_ plan of God throughout history.

9. That you can walk through the biblical \_\_\_\_\_ from Genesis to Revelation.

10. That you understand how the biblical story \_\_\_\_\_ your daily decision-making.

**Session 5-Schizophrenic Christians**  
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"It is absolutely useless and absurd to tell a man that he must not joke about sacred subjects. It is useless and absurd for a simple reason: because there are no subjects that are not sacred." G. K. Chesterton

**1. How did we lose sight of that great truth?**

1. We turned church into an \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a way of life.
2. We have little \_\_\_\_\_ with folks we attend church with.
3. We feel as if we have a " \_\_\_\_\_ " life and a " \_\_\_\_\_ " life.
4. We created "full-time" and "part-time Christian \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We have made religious belief both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We live in two worlds, one \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_.

The great announcement of Christianity is that the same God who created all that is, is still very much in \_\_\_\_\_ of it, and that He is in the process of \_\_\_\_\_ it, and that Christ has made us " \_\_\_\_\_ person" again.

**2. The "one" person we are to be is:**

- Moral-
- Relational-
- Emotional-
- Physical-
- Volitional-
- Creative-
- Rational-

**3. And all these parts participate in our worship as:**

- my moral part understands that it is \_\_\_\_\_ to worship the Lord.
- my relational part responds to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- my emotional part is moved to great \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
- my creative part is aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moment.
- my physical part is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- my volitional part has \_\_\_\_\_ to enter in to the activity.
- my rational part \_\_\_\_\_ of all God has done and is amazed.

## Session 6-Imagine that!

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“There are three images in my mind which I must continually forsake and replace with better ones: the false image of \_\_\_\_\_, the false image of my \_\_\_\_\_, and the false image of \_\_\_\_\_.” C.S. Lewis

#### 1. What are some of the false images of God that many seem to hold today?

God as an incompetent \_\_\_\_\_.

God as a fickle \_\_\_\_\_ man.

God as some sort of celestial \_\_\_\_\_ manager.

#### 2. What is a Biblical image of God? (Colossians 1:15)

\_\_\_\_\_ is the image of the invisible God.

\_\_\_\_\_ over all creation:

All things were made \_\_\_\_\_ him and \_\_\_\_\_ him.

He was \_\_\_\_\_ all things.

He holds all things \_\_\_\_\_.

He is head of the body, the \_\_\_\_\_.

He is \_\_\_\_\_ in all things as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God dwelt in him.

#### 3. What are some of the false images we have of ourselves today?

that we really are \_\_\_\_\_.

that we have good \_\_\_\_\_.

that we have it \_\_\_\_\_ figured out.

#### 4. What is the biblical image of who we are?

that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are not.

that he cannot \_\_\_\_\_, and that we can't keep from it

On the other hand, we will also see that:

we were the \_\_\_\_\_ point of creation and have not been \_\_\_\_\_.

we have been \_\_\_\_\_ from our sorrowful state by Jesus, and

have had the \_\_\_\_\_ placed in our hearts.

#### 5. What are some of the false images we have of "neighbors" in today's culture?

That they are those who \_\_\_\_\_ like we do.

That they are potential \_\_\_\_\_.

That they might be \_\_\_\_\_.

That they can provide cheap \_\_\_\_\_.

That they are our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### What is a biblical picture of our neighbor?

Jesus defined a good neighbor as one who showed \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 10:29)

And that if you loved God you would love your \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 10:27)

**The secret of loving your neighbor lies in your ability to imagine his or her life. That is why we need to pray for sanctified imaginations!**

**Session 7-Where did you get that attitude?  
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**1. Where does your attitude come from?**

\_\_\_\_\_ with it.  
determined by \_\_\_\_\_ .  
the result of the way \_\_\_\_\_ treat you.

**2. What do the Scriptures say? (Eph 4:22-24)**

It's all in our \_\_\_\_\_...that's where the battle takes place. The key seems to be in understanding the source of our attitude. (check one of the following):

\_\_\_our old self  
\_\_\_our new self

**3. The choice is which of those " \_\_\_\_\_ " you are going to listen to. (Eph 4:25-32)**

stop \_\_\_\_\_ .  
don't let \_\_\_\_\_ get a hold of you.  
\_\_\_\_\_ stealing.  
do something \_\_\_\_\_ .  
clean up your \_\_\_\_\_ .  
be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

**4. Paul specifically tells us that we are to trade our old attitude for one like Jesus.**

This time, there are two very clear instructions. (Phil 2:5-16) We are to be:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. How far do we have to go?**

For starters, unto \_\_\_\_\_, even death on a \_\_\_\_\_.  
death is the great \_\_\_\_\_  
death is the end of \_\_\_\_\_  
death will set you free to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is in \_\_\_\_\_ that we \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. So, then, do everything without complaining or arguing because:**

to complain is to \_\_\_\_\_ what God has given you.  
to argue implicates that you are still eating of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is yours, each and every day. Choose wisely!