



May 5th Sermon Questions

The Mind & the Will Directing Our Love

Philippians 4:1-9

Icebreaker Questions: Have you ever had the experience of not being able to get something out of your mind? What was it?

Discussion Questions: Read the scripture verses above.

1. What do you daydream about? How do you think that person, place, or thing is connected to desire or love?
2. In his sermon on Sunday Justin said, "The heart loves. The will chooses. The mind justifies." How does that strike you? Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
3. Original sin-the inward bent every human has towards disobeying God--has noetic effects, meaning that our minds have been corrupted and are inclined towards evil. How have you personally experienced this? In what ways do you struggle with your thoughts?
4. How do you think transformation of the mind happens?
5. We can't simply not think about something, because our minds aren't designed to be void. Instead we must actively set our minds on what it is we want to think about. In verse 8, the Apostle Paul provides eight parameters for our thinking. How might these serve as a prescription for what to proactively think upon?

6. What word from this list in verse 8 jumps out to you? Why?
7. What are you paying attention to and focusing on that is shaping your mind and thought life? Does it meet the requirements of this list? Why or why not?
8. How might you need to change the focus of your attention? In what practical ways might you proactively “think about” things that are true, honorable, just, etc.?
9. Is there one single word in this list you think you need to focus on this week?
10. How does God and the Good News of Jesus fit into this list and/or this discussion about our minds?
11. Who do you need to share with and talk to about what you are thinking?
12. How might this group help you in your effort to transform your mind?
13. What’s your take away from our discussion tonight? What do you need to do this week to follow Jesus, be transformed by Jesus, and/or participate in the mission of Jesus?