

Reclaiming Intellectualism

Reclaiming [Your] Faith

Discussion Questions

- **Have you ever personally experienced someone thinking that to be a Christian is to check your brain at the door?**
 - Why do you think people might view Christians as anti-intellectual?
 - Have you had an experience in church where pursuing God with your mind was discouraged?
- **What has contributed to a division between knowledge & reason and faith & feelings?**
 - What are some examples of Christians who have contributed significantly to science, philosophy, art, business, charity, etc.?
- **Read Matthew 22:34-35**
 - How does this passage demonstrate that Jesus was intellectually sophisticated?
 - Why don't people typically think of Jesus in that way?
- **Read Matthew 22:36-39**
 - How does the "great commandment" push back on the idea of a division between knowledge & reason and faith & feelings?
 - What does it mean to love God with our minds?
- **Read 1 John 4:10**
 - Why does loving God begin with God loving us?
 - How has God shown us his love?
- **How have you been challenged to...**
 - Know who you believe in?
 - Know what you believe?
 - Know why you believe?
- **What resources do you plan to take advantage of to grow in these areas?**
 - What are your reservations?
- **Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message highlight? How can we encourage each other to love God with our whole selves?**