

MINDSETS: THINK STRONG

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

As we continue in our current sermon series on “Mindsets,” we’ll examine the idea of a “Christ over culture” mindset. In Romans chapter 2, Paul tells us to renew our minds, not being conformed to the patterns of the world. Over in the book of Colossians chapter 2, Paul gives us instruction about how to tune our minds and thought processes to Christ over the culture that surrounds us. Specifically, in Colossians 2: 8-15, we find Paul encouraging believers in Jesus to be strong—and to think strong, to combat the strategies of the enemy.

Key Passages: Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 2:8-15

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Pastor Brett said this week that there is a real devil who wants to deceive us and cause us to be taken captive by the culture of the world, instead of by the truth of the Gospel. What do you personally believe about the reality of spiritual darkness in our present world?

Every person has the choice to follow human wisdom or godly wisdom. What do you think are some of the differences in these two trains of thought?

When Jesus died for us, He cancelled the debt of our sin, nailing it to the Cross. Yet, the enemy still tries to rub our face in our shame and failures. What do you think is the current status of your sin? Why?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Pastor Brett gave us two principles when thinking right about God. Think strong by standing in truth and think strong by standing in the cross. Which one resonates with your spiritual journey as you follow Jesus?

It’s been said that “The Cross is not a symbol of defeat and despair. It’s a symbol of victory and authority.” How are you living free in Christ today? What principles do you remind yourself that you have freedom in Jesus.

What are some practices that you might need to eliminate from your life that are not supported by God’s word? Confess them to God.



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