## **Discussion Questions**

- **1.** Verse 17 states that we are to no longer walk in the futility of our minds. As believers, the battle begins in our mind. What are some practical ways we can daily renew our minds?
- **2.** Every believer understands the Christian battle. Paul is showing us from these verses that we are going to have to wage war, every day, because we still live in our sin cursed flesh, in a sin cursed world. What effect should this reality have on our:

A. priorities?

**B.** our prayer life?

C. our view of eternity?

**3.** Paul states in verse 18 that the unbeliever is "unable to perceive or understand anything spiritual." In light of that, what are some responses we should have, as believers, when:

A. dealing with unbelievers?

**B.** reacting to what is going on in the government and in the world around us?

**C.** when we continue to fail in persuading lost family and friends to positively respond to the Gospel?

**4.** Verse 18 explains how every person is born with a hardness in their heart and a hatred toward the things of God. How does that reality effect your parenting?

## **Prayer Requests**

- **1.** Pray that everyone at Anchor would take the Christian battle seriously. That we would all be continually confessing our sins before God, and walking in the Spirit.
- **2.** Pray for all of our lost family members and friends. It is only through God's sovereign, and omnipotent power, through his gospel, that anyone will ever be saved.
- **3.** Pray that we would parent our children, in a Gospel centered, Christ honoring way. Remembering that they are little sinners that will continue to be little sinners, until God saves them.
- **4.** Pray that our motives for all that we do as a church and as individual men and women, would honor God.
- **5.** Like we are learning on Sunday mornings, pray that God will help us not forsake our first love, Christ.