



OPENING QUESTIONS

How often do you read from the Bible? Can you tell of a way that Scripture has transformed your life?

BIG IDEA

Scripture is God telling you what He thinks.

READ TOGETHER

In today's study we are going to be looking at 5 short passages of Scripture. Select a person to read each passage when the time is right. Begin by reading **1 Corinthians 2:16**.

PRAYER

Ask God to reveal his thoughts and perspectives to you as you study the Scripture together. Ask Him to transform you by changing the way you think.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What do you think Paul means when he speaks of having the 'mind of Christ'? How do you think life would be different if we always thought the way Jesus thinks? Give some examples. What are some things you might be missing out on? How might thinking like Jesus make you seem odd in this world?
- 2) Read **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**. There are at least two things listed that keep us from knowing God. One obstacle was 'strongholds of human reason'. In this weekend's sermon a 'stronghold of human reason' was defined as 'a pattern of thinking contrary to the thoughts of God'. Can you think of any examples of a stronghold of human reason? Can you think of any examples of God's thoughts that we know from Scripture? (Example: I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3) How would living based on God's thoughts change the agenda of your life?
- 3) Read **Romans 12:2**. How does God transform us into a new person? What role could Scripture play in renewing your mind/changing the way you think? What role would consistency in reading God's Word play in the renewing process? How hard is it to consistently spend time in God's Word?
- 4) Read **Hebrews 4:12**. Have you experienced the living power of God's word? Is it always a pleasant experience? Why do you think God's word is so powerful?
- 5) Read **John 5:39-40**. Jesus said all Scripture points to Him. Can you think of passages that do not obviously point to Jesus? From the law or the prophets perhaps. What might you learn about Jesus from those passages? As we read the Scripture how can we avoid simply collecting knowledge as opposed to building our relationship with God?

CHALLENGE

- How will you commit to interacting with God's Word this week? Be prepared to give an account of how it went.
- Pray and consider whether you and/or your group should join the **Hearing God Seminar** starting Feb. 27th at RPC, in order to lean into this area more.

PRAYER

- Ask God to reveal His thoughts to you as you read His Word.
- Ask God to reveal Jesus to you as you read His Word.