
Abide #5 – The Disciple’s Mind

Homework for January 18, 2017

We have learned over the past lessons that those of us who have put their faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord over our lives are IN Christ. We are saved, secure and significant. Christ is also IN us. His Spirit renews us and empowers us to live the mission He has for us. But what does that look like in our lives? In the next few weeks, we will be looking at how abiding in Christ affects our minds, emotions, body, will and relationships. The study for this week will focus on the disciple’s mind.

Lean In

What has consumed your thoughts this past week? Write down the things that have been foremost in your mind. Even as you begin this study, what thoughts are dominating your thinking?

Look Down

Before you begin looking at the following verses, **pray** and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and keep your mind free from distractions!

- Read Romans 12:1,2. What are the instructions we are given? What will be the results if we follow those instructions?
- According to Titus 3:5, who does the renewing?
- Read the following scripture and fill in the chart.

Scripture	How do we know the will of God?	What will happen if we do the will of God?
Col. 1:9,10		
Rom. 8:26, 27		
Eph. 5:15-17		
James 3:13-18		

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- What is the problem with our minds? What does being in Christ do to our minds? See Rom. 1:21-25, Eph. 4:17-18, 22-24, Rom. 8:5-9, 2 Cor. 11:3, 1 Cor. 2:16

 - According to the following verses, how can we protect our minds? How are our lives affected when we do these things?
 - 2 Cor. 10:3-5
 - Phil. 4:6-8
 - Isaiah 26:3
 - Isaiah 43:17, 18
 - Phil. 3: 13-14
 - Col. 3:1-3
 - Mark 12:30-31

 - Consider the following people from the Bible. How were their actions affected by their minds?
 - David – Psalm 16:7-10
 - Jeremiah – Lamentations 3:21-23
 - Daniel – Dan. 1:8
 - Nehemiah – Neh. 2:12
 - Solomon – 2 Chron. 1:11
 - Peter – Matt. 16:23
 - Bereans – Acts 17:10-11

Look Out

- Why do we struggle to know God's will for us? How can we find the answer?

- Rom. 12:2 says we are not to be conformed to this world. How do you see the world affecting what you think about? How does the worldview differ from the verses you have studied?

Look In

- It is said we always live according to our beliefs. Think about your actions this past week. What would they say about your beliefs?
- Would you say your mind is steadfast or anxious?
- Have you been using your spiritual weapons? Are there thoughts that you need to take captive? What are they?

Look Up

- Thank God for transforming your mind through His Holy Spirit.
- Thank God for His love, power and faithfulness.
- Pray that He would guard your heart and mind and enable you to live what you believe.
- Pray about those things that are causing you anxiety. Remember Phil. 4:6-7 as you pray.
- Pray that you would be quick to recognize lies and believe the truth as you study and abide in His word.

Live it Out

- What is one thing you want to do this week to be able to live out what you believe? Is it a thought to take captive? Is it to be in the Word more? Is it to believe truth? Is it something to forget? Is it to love Jesus? Is it to pray about it?
- Share that with one or two ladies in your Life Group. Ask them to pray for you and be able to share with them how you did with that action.