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INTRO

This winter we will be talking about how our faith, brains and the world all intersect each other. What does a Christian brain look like and what does it think about? We will be thinking about thinking and what kinda of thinking we should be thinking...

GETTING STARTED

We are continuing our development of a Christian frame of reference for how we think...

First Week

-Marks of a Christian Mind

1. Having a Supernatural Orientation
2. Awareness of evil-Hate evil, love good
3. Objective Conception of Truth - truth is truth
4. A Sacramental Cast - A sacred system for seeing stuff

Second Week

-Live the 10! (Ten Commandments)

First Commandment: You Shall Have not Other God before Me

Sanctity of Commitment/Loyalty/Priorities

Second Commandment: You Shall Not Have idols

Sanctity of Knowledge

Third Commandment: You shall not take the Lord's name in vain

Sanctity of Speech/Respect

Fourth Commandment: Remember the sabbath

Sanctity of Time

Fifth Commandment: Honor your father and mother

Sanctity of family/authority

Sixth Commandment: You shall not murder

Sanctity of life

Seventh Commandment: You shall not commit adultery

Sanctity of marriage

Eighth Commandment: You shall not steal

Sanctity of property/ownership

Ninth Commandment: You shall not life

Sanctity of truth

Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet

Sanctity of motive

•SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 -Choose life!

•DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much of “Thinking Christian-ly” is up to us? Can it just happen or does it involve us doing something intentional?
2. In order to think Christian-ly, we have to choose... we have to make the conscious decision to choose to think like God wants us to. If we don't choose... are we still making a choice?
3. Dan talked about choosing life or choosing death... what are these things? How can we know the difference between the two?
4. What does the choice of life look like? What does choosing death look like?
5. Most likely, given such a clear choice between life and death, most of us would likely choose life. But more often than not we end up choosing things that “lead to death.” Why is this?
6. How can we discern that a decision will lead to death when we are trying to decide?
7. Are there things out there that look like life, but are actually things that lead to death? What are they?
7. If you are going to choose life in everything, what does this practically look like?

CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK:

Stop! Think! Choose Life!

Think about “living the 10.” If what is important to God is also important to you, how will your thinking change?

Think about thinking Christianly... how does thinking this way affect your view of the world around you?