

# **11 CALIFORNIANS**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# **EIGHT: ARGUMENTS**

**Either with a group or on your own, use the following questions to explore Bible passages and apply insights from the video session.**

What stood out to you from the video?

**Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-5**

1. Are you an argumentative person? Why or why not? How do you feel concerning argumentative people?

2. Develop a list of ways believers ought to wage war against the world. How does this differ from how the world wages war? What weapons have we been given to do battle with the lies we encounter today?

3. Describe a time when someone changed your mind in a significant way. How hard did they have to work?

4. What is the one thought that this world believes that you wish you could take captive right now?

5. What is the difference between trying to win an argument and leading someone to the truth? What are some mistakes we can make when arguing with others about the truth?

**Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

6. If you could have someone else's mind, whose would you choose? Why would you choose that mind and not another?

7. How is the mind of Christ different from the mind of the world? What is the difference between how Jesus thinks and how the world thinks?

8. Give an example of something that the Spirit has revealed to you that you wouldn't have understood on your own? If you haven't experienced that, what is a question you're currently asking the Father to answer for you?



## DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

### Read Hebrews 4:12-13 & Romans 12:1-2

9. How have you seen the word of God pierce through the lies of this world and expose the truth?

10. What does the process of transforming a mind look like? How does God's Word take our thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ?

## A PRAYER OF THOUGHTFULNESS

In order to do battle with the lies and untruths we see and hear every day, it's important to develop the practice of spiritual thoughtfulness. By doing this, we are able to consider what we hear from the world with a clear mind and able to weigh it against God's truth. This prayer is designed to assist in developing spiritual thoughtfulness.

1. Either aloud or silently, read these words from John 8:32, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Repeat those words over and over as you breathe in and out.

2. When you come to a moment of stillness in your prayer, let your mind wander and pay attention to where it goes. When you catch yourself thinking about something, imagine yourself gently placing that thought in a box and bringing it before the Lord.

3. Imagine the Lord takes the thought out of the box and looks at it, with compassion and grace. He smiles and says, "I think I can turn this into something useful." Speak to the Lord about how He miraculously takes anything we might think and turns it into good for those who love Him.

4. Close your prayer by reading these words from Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Reflect on this verse.

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***When your values shift, your thoughts shift as well. When you value what the world values, then you'll think like the world thinks... but if you value what Christ values... you begin to gain the mind of Christ.***

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