

# Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, January 10, 2021

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In this week's passage, Paul teaches that in order to stand firm in the Lord, we must control our thinking.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What two enemies oppose our pursuit of Christ (Romans 12:1-2; John 8:44)? What sinful patterns of thinking are you prone to?
- What weapons do we have at our disposal to help us withstand the enemies' assaults on our minds (Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)? What does it mean to "take every thought captive to obey Christ"?
- Where does the power come from to defeat sinful patterns of thinking (John 17:15-17)?
- To combat sinful thinking, what biblical virtues does Paul instruct us to meditate on (verse 8)?
- Where do we receive Truth (Colossians 1:5)? Are you regularly meditating on the Word of God? What lies have you accepted that need to be replaced with Truth?
- Are you dwelling on the glory of God and his divine character and nature? Do you fill your mind with what is morally pure and beautiful that comes from God? Do you regularly feed your mind with reminders of God's excellence and praiseworthy works?
- What is the result of proper, godly thinking (verse 9)? What does Paul mean by "practice"?
- Do you avail yourself of community where we learn to live in light of the gospel (verse 9; Hebrews 10:24-25)? Are you personally rehearsing the gospel daily and taking time to meditate on and memorize Scripture?

## Recommended Resources

*A Gospel Primer for Christians* by Milton Vincent