

## **Opening Question:**

'Penny for your thoughts' - this old expression was used to invite people to share what they were thinking about when they seemed distracted or in deep thought. Share with your group some of the things that you think about - Penny for your thoughts!

## **Opening Prayer:**

Begin your time by asking God to open your eyes to His mind and thoughts. Ask Him to show you what it means to live with His perspective.

## **Getting into God's Word**

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

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

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. Have you ever struggled to find the words to share your faith? Have you ever thought you had the right words but still struggle to share your faith? How does this passage speak to those struggles? How does that highlight the importance of prayer in evangelism?

3. Paul talks about speaking with spiritual wisdom to believers - wisdom that the world does not really understand. What kinds of spiritual wisdom has God guided you into? How is that different than what the world believes (Ex. To be lead in the kingdom you must serve, giving as a response of gratitude etc.) Are there any examples of heavenly wisdom that you struggle with or don't fully understand? How are you pursuing heavenly wisdom and understanding for these things?
4. Paul talks about how we have new capacity to know the things of God because the Spirit of God reveals the things of God to us. Do you think this new invitation to deep relationship is something that we take for granted? Why or why not? What might our response be to this gift of relationship?
5. Have you ever had an idea from God that you felt you needed to share with someone else? What was that experience like? What are some of the keys to sharing these ideas with others?

### *Read Romans 12:1-2 and Philippians 4:4-9*

6. What stands out to you in this passage?
7. Part of living with the mind of Christ is renewing our mind and relying on His strength and power. How do these passages speak about renewing the mind.

How are you renewing your mind? Is there anything in this passage that you realize you need to change in your thought life with His help?

8. Did you do the reflection on the front cover? Did He identify any thoughts that you need to change?
9. Do you have a time in your day where you meet with God? How would getting into His Word frequently help renew your mind? If you do not have a time to meet with Him, take the time to get quiet before Him and ask Him when He wants to meet with you - share with your group what you heard and commit to meet with Him at that time!

## **Prayer**

As a group, spend some time praying for one another - Pray that as a group God would help you to renew your minds and to live with His mind!

## Sermon Notes

## Group Listing

### **Wednesdays:**

*Leaders:* Nathan and Jenn Pollock

*Location:* The Pollock's House in Camrose

*Time:* 7:00pm

### **Thursdays:**

*Leaders:* Mark and Carla Werner,

Jessica and Andreas Schwitter

*Location:* CentrePoint Church

*Time:* 6:30pm

### **Fridays:**

*Leaders:* John and Ineke Tessari, Gary and Sandy Mize

*Location:* The Mize's Home in Camrose

*Time:* 7:00pm

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Understanding Your Identity In Christ

### **YOU HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST**

April 15, 2018

### **Personal Reflection and Practice:**

Paul said in Philippians 4:8-9 says -

*8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.*

What do you think about? As we talk about the idea of renewing our minds we need to begin by addressing the issue of what we are thinking about - take the time to evaluate your thinking - ask God to show you those things you are wasting time on and invite Him to help you think about things that are excellent and praiseworthy!