

# BACK TO THE BASICS

## Leader Conversation Guide – Back to the Basics (Part III): “What are you Thinking?”

### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt continued our Back to the Basics series. We were reminded and encouraged with the command of 2 Corinthians 10:5 to “take captive every thought.” Often in life we can become so distracted by the “shiny things” this world has to offer, that we lose our focus from the truly good things of the Lord. Pastor Curt challenged us to truly capture every thought and make sure it lines up with Philippians 4:7-8... and if it doesn’t, throw it away!

**I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory - to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally.**  
**EPHESIANS 1:17**

### Make It Practical - Think about what you’re thinking about:

1) We are in a war for control of our thoughts. 2 Corinthians 2:11. The devil’s schemes haven’t changed. Don’t be outwitted by his same old, usual tricks. There is nothing he can do in your life to destroy your life. He can only trick you into destroying yourself. He tricks us through his “native language” (John 8:44) of lies.

2) We take captive every thought. 1 Peter 1:5. Once you’ve identified that you’re in the battle, you need to be active! Satan is seeking to devour you and he attacks you amidst you not having a sober mind. We take captive EVERY thought to make it OBEDIENT to God.

3) We make every thought obedient to God.

- John 17:17 - God’s word is TRUTH.
- Hebrews 4:12 - God’s word is ALIVE and ACTIVE.
- Philippians 4:7-8 - Think about such things!

## Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- What thoughts do you need to begin taking captive and making obedient to God?
- What lies of the enemy have you been believing, when God has already given you the truth?

**Your life is moving in the direction  
of your strongest thoughts.**

## Prayer

Father, thank You for Your unending grace. Help us to daily remember to fix our minds on the good things you have for us. Let us not slip into temptation, or allow our thoughts to wander away from what is righteous. Holy Spirit, purify our hearts and minds from what may distract us or lead us away from the direction You have called us to. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Leader Tip

Remind Group members to take advantage of our 21 Days of Prayer and fasting by spending additional time with God, and not just treating this time as a “diet” from certain foods or activities.