

What Is True?

Fourth week in the series: Return & Rebuild

Ezra 4

Sometimes we don't know what we think. Sometimes we know what we think, but we don't know why we think it. Where do these thoughts that occur in our minds come from, anyway: from ourselves, from God, or from someplace else? Perhaps there are times when we feel as if we need to empty out the inside of our heads.

Discussion Questions:

1. Most Americans think they should be able to do what they want to do whenever they want to do it. What do you think about this line of thinking?
2. How do you think we might go about renewing our minds so that we can recognize the suggestions of Satan as harmful and "take every thought captive to obey Christ"? (Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:23, 2 Corinthians 10:5)
3. Interact with these words from Dallas Willard: "The ultimate freedom we have as individuals is the power to select what we will allow or require our minds to dwell upon and think about. The focus of your thoughts significantly affects everything else that happens in your life and evokes the feelings that frame your world and motivate your actions. We bring the reality of God into our lives by making contact with him through our minds, and our actions are based on the understanding that results from the fullness of that contact."
4. How are you impacted by these words that Jesus spoke to Peter, one of his disciples: "... I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"? (Matthew 16:18)
5. What do you think are some important theological issues that can divide churches? What do you think are some less important theological issues that can divide churches?