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Today you are invited to simply 'be'...

You do not have to take part in anything

You do not have to say anything

If you need to take time away from the screen that is fine...sit where you like!

Each section will be around 30 mins... followed by a 10 minute break

There will be a 1min timer to start every new section

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Day One:

Programme:

10:00: Part 1 - How do you know?

10:40: Break

10:50: Part 2 - Intelligent Temptation!

11:20: Break

11:30: Part 3 - The Mind of Christ

12:00: Break

12:10: Part 4 - Prayer Appointments / worship

12:25: Part 5 - The Mind: Renewed or Removed

12:55: Close











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Mind Matters: to God

Day Two:

Programme:

10:00: Part 6 - The Mind and the Spirit

10:40: Break

10:50: Part 7 - A Healthy Mind

11:20: Break

11:30: Part 8 - Defending Your Mind

12:00: Break

12:10: Part 9 - Prayer Appointments / worship

12:25: Part 10 - Dedicated Mind : Holy Communion

12:55: Close











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Mind Matters: to God

One: How do you know?



How our mind engages with reality







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How do you know stuff?

- Information
- Experience
- Emotion
- Perception
- Intuition
- Plausibility structures
- Schema
- Revelation



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Knowing in Scripture...

Ginosko: - to be taking in knowledge, to come to know, recognize, understand or to understand completely. e.g....1 John 2:5

oida: - to see/to have seen or perceived

sunoida: -'sun' (with) oida, to share the knowledge of or be privy to, be conscious of.

proginosko: - to know beforehand used of the divine foreknowledge

epistamai: - to know, know of, understand (lit. to set over)

agnoeo: - not to know, to be ignorant of

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•1 Chronicles 12:32

"From Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do: 200 chiefs with all their kinsmen at their command."



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Mind Matters: to God

·Wisdom & Knowledge

Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the **understanding to know me**, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24



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Two: Intelligent Temptation



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Mind Matters: to God

•Spirit •

Mind

Body

1 Thess 5:23 NIV
May God himself,
the God of peace,
sanctify you
through and
through. May your
whole spirit, soul
and body be kept
blameless at the
coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

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Mind Matters: to God - Genesis 3

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God **had** made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"



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4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.
5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized.....

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Mind Matters: to God - Genesis 3

Areas of operation

- information on its own does not necessarily help
- mistrust how Satan's proposals become plausible
 - with understanding comes humility
 - with power comes dependency
- A 'hardened/blinded/veiled' mind 2 Cor 4:3

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Mind Matters: to God - Genesis 3

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Areas of operation

- Jesus a narrative reversal Luke 4
- · Where information comes from
- · Where trust is placed
- How trust is tested
- Word
- Character
- Purpose
- Timing



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Three: The Mind of Christ



Mind Matters: to God 1 Corinthians 2: 15 -16

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **7** No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him—10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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Mind Matters: to God 1 Corinthians 2: 15 - 16

12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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- •The mind is a vehicle with which to know God
- •God speaks to our imagination
- •1 Cor 7: 10 & 12 a distinction / a discerning of ourselves -
- •10 To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord):
- •12 To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord):



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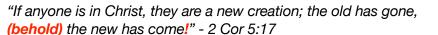
"If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, (behold) the new has come!" - 2 Cor 5:17

Brennan Manning:

- •to have in you the mind of Christ
- to think as Christ thought
- to have the ideals Christ did
- •to have the desires that filled Christ's heart
- •to replace all your natural actions to person's, events, and circumstances with the response of Jesus Christ

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Brennan Manning:

- •to live in the heart of Jesus
- share his tastes and aversions
- •to have the same interests, affections and attitudes
- •to be motivated in everything by His loving compassion
- •to make the habitual thought pattern of Jesus completely your own

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- Developing the Mind of Christ
- ·Waiting until we have heard from God
- ·Limiting our response to what is given us
- Suspending our judgement
- Restraining our assumptions
- Resisting presumption
- Comfortable with dependency

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Mind Matters: to God / discerning

Prejudice
Preference
Experience
Upbringing
Intellect/mind
Theology
Denomination
Character
Disposition

Failures
Judgmentalism
Sentimentalism
Shame/guilt
Culture
Favouritism
Pleasing others
Fears/phobias



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Mind Matters: to God

Part Four: Prayer and Ministry: 15 minutes of grace



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Worship - finding times of refreshing from the Lordan

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Five: The Mind - renewed or removed?



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Romans 12 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



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Mind Matters: to God

Romans 12

- •Renewed not removed! it is ok to have a brain and use it!
- David warfare / trouble & emotion
- Solomon wisdom / trouble & Ecclesiastes
- Conform
- •Transformation metamorphoo
- •Renewing anakainosis



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Titus 3

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of **rebirth** and **renewal** by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



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What does transformation require?

- •intent proactive
- ongoing continual
- ·watching drift and neutral
- •habitual repeat/rehearse
- •Phil 2:12-13 '...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.'



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Mind Matters: to God Reflection:

- •Phil 2:12-13 '...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.'
- •How does this work you?



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