

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. - Rom. 15:1-3

- Secularism

Are you trusting God to get you to heaven, but seldom ask Him about His will the daily decisions in your life?

- Relativism

Truth is seen as relative

II. To take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ

"We use our powerful God-tools for . . . fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ . . . building lives of obedience into maturity."

- The Message

How do we do this?

- 1) Surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- 2) Take authority in Christ over accusing spirits.
- 3) Re-train your thought processes with truth from scripture.

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Questions for Discussion:

- 1) Thinking about the fact that the devil roams the earth with a purpose; why is it so important to him that he disfigure the character and ways of God? Where do you see this happening?
- 2) What are some practical ways that the devil tries to silence the gospel around the world? What are some ways he silences the gospel in your own life?
- 3) What has been your understanding of spiritual warfare? Have you ever thought about the fact that there are objectives in the battle? Why or why not?
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, what does this passage tell us about our responsibility in the spiritual realm? What are we to do?
- 5) Looking at the 3 strongholds mentioned in the message; which is most obvious to you today in our society? Why?
- 6) As part of the battle we are called to "take every thought captive" What thoughts invade your mind? How have you been able to eject these thoughts?

Prayer: Take some time around the circle to pray for the person to your left. Pray for strength and boldness in the spiritual battle and pray for the power of The Holy Spirit to be at work in the lives of those in your group.