

SESSION 1
Learning How to Think; Not What to Think

- I. Some thoughts on church _____
 - A. Focus on _____ to think
 1. Church education was about _____
 - a. _____: Transgress the law because of your _____
 - b. _____: Bind heavy _____ on men's shoulders
 - c. _____
 - d. _____: A _____ (tradition) which neither our forefathers nor we were able to bear
 2. The _____ of this kind of teaching
 - a. Rules of personal behavior that cannot be _____ by Scripture
 - b. Requirements for _____ that have no biblical basis
 - c. Unbiblical _____ which are supposed to identify those who are true Christians
 - e. Vain _____ of creeds and prayers
 - f. Use of _____ totally out of context to "prove" a point
 - B. A call to focus teaching on _____ to think biblically
 1. Why do I believe that a certain _____ is wrong for a Christian?
 2. Why do I believe that a certain _____ position is biblical or unbiblical?
 3. Why am I tempted to think that if a person doesn't think _____ on an issue, he or she cannot be a Christian?

4. Why can't a brother or sister _____ with me and still be my brother or sister?
5. Why can't I treat with _____ someone whose lifestyle is obnoxious to me, just as our Lord would treat him or her with love?
6. Why can't I allow for some _____ in the body of Christ, especially where Scripture seems to allow that diversity?
7. How would Jesus respond to the _____ who tried to proposition me in Las Vegas a couple weeks ago?
8. How would Jesus respond to that _____ brother or sister who believes he or she has no choice other than a gay lifestyle?
9. How would Jesus respond to those whose _____ views differ radically from mine?

II. What we hope to do over the next weeks or months

- A. Apply biblical truth to _____
- B. Search Scripture to see how I should _____ to current issues
 1. Is God's word calling me to be constantly _____ of every social or political decision with which I disagree?
 2. Is God's word calling me to _____ every time one of those decisions doesn't go my way?
 3. Is God's word calling me to _____ in this situation?
 4. How am I using Scripture to determine _____ in a given situation?
 - a. Paul is talking about _____ thing here
 - b. The passage in question is an _____ quote

C. A _____ thought from Matthew

1. The _____
2. The _____
3. The _____ among us
4. The _____, who are they by the way?
5. The _____, or more specifically the person suffering from HIV/AIDS
6. The _____ in prison

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1. Seriously _____ the biblical passages given as support for our ideas
 2. Ask yourself if your _____ with us is solidly based on biblical foundation or is it, at least in part, your own personal prejudice.
 3. Let your _____ be stretched in this process.