

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE WEEK 6

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

If you had to choose one word to describe your thought life in the past week, what word would you choose? As you think back over what's happened this week, what put you in that frame of mind? Were your thoughts more intentional or were they simply reactionary to the events of the week?

Read Philippians 4:8-9. What is Paul's final words to this church in Philippi? What 8 characteristics does Paul tell them to fix their thoughts on? How would you define each of those words? How do we keep our thoughts centered on these 8 ideals?

Why does our world make it so difficult to think about the qualities listed in Philippians 4:8-9? Think back to how you defined those 8 qualities. What would the opposite of those qualities be? In what ways does our world incentivize us to focus on the negative version of these things?

Brock talked about some of the things that might have divided the Philippian church. How are some of these same sources of division still plaguing the church today? How does Jesus overcome these things? How do we move past the things that could divide us and focus on what (or who) unites us?

Take another look at the 8 qualities Paul talked about in Philippians 4:8-9. Based on your definition of those terms, what are some passages of Scripture that could remind you of each of those qualities? How can committing these Scriptures to your mind help you to keep the level of focus Paul talks about here?

As you think back over this sermon series, what has been your biggest takeaway? What practical steps have you put into practice? What steps do you still need to put into practice? Close in prayer by asking God to help you each on your journey to "take every thought captive" in the weeks ahead.