COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, November 17th

**Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App

Prayer and Praise:

As a group, consider "the fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians 5:22–23. Praise the Lord for ways that you've seen spiritual growth in your own life or in others' lives in regard to the fruit of the Spirit. Pray for more growth.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #277 – Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated.

Together in the Word:

- 1. Read Romans 12:1–2. What does it mean to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind"? How does one do that?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 10:1–6. Would your closest friends and family members characterize you as having the "meekness and gentleness of Christ"? How could a believer seek to grow in this area?

3. Within the church, who as a responsibility to confront members who are living in sin (Matt 18:15–17; Gal 6:1–2, James 5:19–20; 1 Thess 5:14–15)? _

- 4. In his sermon, Pastor Bryan said, "the Bible is clear that unsaved men and women are captives of Satan." How can Satan's spiritual captives be brought into the kingdom of light (Col 1:13)?
- 5. According to verse 5, how would you describe the spiritual truth war that we are in as believers?
- As Christians, how should we go about contending for the truth of God's Word?

TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 Series #29

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Taking Every Thought Captive."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- I. Have you ever struggled to "turn off your mind"?
- 2. What we think about and how we think are extremely significant what?
- 3. What is the title of Neil Postman's book?
- 4. God is interested in communicating truth through words and concepts but our culture tries to train us to do what?
- 5. Our society is used to communicating and learning through things that appeal to our senses and emotions but not what?
- 6. Because people have been trained to be entertained, not taught, it makes what very difficult?
- 7. In the gospels, Jesus is called a preacher 11 times. He is called a what 45 times?
- 8. The spiral of depravity seen in Romans I started with what phrase (seen in verse 21)?
- 9. To be carnally minded is what?
- 10. Paul emphasizes the key role our mind plays in the what?
- 11. What does Peter tell us to get together in I Peter 1:13?

- 12. The average American will see over how many TV commercials by the age of forty?
- 13. Do you allow the media to determine what you think about?
- 14. Where is the statement, "transformed by the renewing of your mind" found?
- 15. For 2 chapters of 2nd Corinthians Paul had discussed what project?
- 16. In 2nd Corinthians 10-13, Paul seems to be addressing what group in the church?
- 17. It appears that the group of detractors going after Paul was composed of whom?
- 18. The detractors seemed to also claim to be what?
- 19. The detractors came to Corinth with some kind of letters of what?
- 20. The Corinthians said that Paul was meek/gentle when present with them in person but he was what when he wrote them letters?
- 21. Instead of commanding, admonishing, or exhorting the believers, Paul opens with what?
- 22. The bruised reed and smoking flax that Jesus referred to are illustrations representing people who are viewed by society as what?
- 23. What was Jesus's goal with the feeble and useless people?

- 24. What did Paul NOT want to be when present with the Corinthians?
- 25. Paul acknowledged that he was just a man and, as such, he lived in the flesh physically but he didn't do what?
- 26. Paul uses the imagery of what, to describe the Christian life and ministry?
- 27. Unsaved men and women are captives of whom?
- 28. People in our world live by their beliefs and ideologies and most of the time these beliefs are what?
- 29. What is the only thing that can overcome satanic error?
- 30. Are we ever told in Scripture to attack Satan and his demons?
- 31. Jesus resisted Satan with what?
- 32. Error, untruth, falsehood, and inaccurate philosophies of life do not promote what?
- 33. All ideas and beliefs have to be identified and seized quickly and analyzed and brought where?
- 34. Once again we are reminded of what?
- 35. Do you take every thought captive to obedience to Christ? Do you use God's Word to counter false beliefs/ideologies, etc?