Part 4 - Small Group Bible Study Guide

Introduction - Lessons for Loving God - Mind

We face the "Promised Land" of new opportunities and abundance, but also the real threats of constant distraction, growing doubt, and false ideas. Loving God with your mind means actively pursuing truth and disciplining your thoughts to align with Christ. As A.W. Tozer said, "The greatest enemy of faith is not doubt—it is distraction".

Scripture Focus:

- Luke 10:27: The call to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.
- Romans 12:2: Being transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- 2 Corinthians 10:5: Taking every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ.
- Philippians 4:8: Dwelling on things that are true, noble, pure, and lovely.

Discussion Questions:

1. The Frontier of the Mind: Why do you think the mind is often called the "final frontier" of our faith? How do distractions like social media or news overload compete for your mental devotion?
2. Renewal vs. Conformity: Romans 12:2 warns us not to conform to the world's patterns. What are some "worldly patterns" of thinking (like fear or comparison) that you struggle with most in 2026?
3. Taking Thoughts Captive: 2 Corinthians 10:5 describes active spiritual warfare. Can you share a time when you had to "challenge" a lie you were believing with the truth of Scripture?
4. Reading vs. Studying: We discussed the difference between devotional reading (feeding the soul) and disciplined study (digging into context). Why are both essential for a "rational confidence" in your faith?
5. Dwell on the Superior: Philippians 4:8 tells us to curate our mental input. If you did an "evening audit" of your thoughts today, what percentage would be "excellent or praiseworthy"?