



TALK ABOUT IT

1. What thoughts have seemed to dominate your mind this week? What adjectives would you use to describe those thoughts?

READ ABOUT IT:

Philippians 4:8; Matthew 23:27; John 8:44-47; 1Peter 5:8; Luke 5:16;
1Corinthians 12:18-21,27; Romans 12:2

THINK ABOUT IT

2. **Read Matthew 23:27.** What is something that looks good on the outside, but is really gross on the inside? Ever felt that way yourself?
3. **Read John 8:44-47.** According to Jesus, what is the test that reveals who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-21, 27.** How connected do you feel to your church “body”? Is there a smaller group (other than your family) where you feel more “bodily” connected? How important are you to that “body” and how important are they to you?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

5. **Read Romans 12:2.** How is God “renewing your mind” these days? Looking ahead, what is God’s will for you? *[It should seem good, pleasing, and perfect to you.]*

Philippians 4:8 ⁸And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure,

and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Matthew 23:27 ²⁷“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity.

John 8:44-47 ⁴⁴For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES. ⁴⁵So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don’t believe me! ⁴⁷Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don’t listen because you don’t belong to God.”

1 Peter 5:8 ⁸Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Luke 5:16 ¹⁶But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

1 Corinthians 12:18-21,27 ¹⁸But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

²⁷All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

Romans 12:2 ²Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.