

# **Anatomy of the Kingdom: Mind**

"Let the Spirit renew your mind for His service"

"The mind cannot love what the heart hasn't encountered"

## <u>Word</u>

### Read the following verses together:

- Isaiah 55:8-9, 1 Corinthians 2:16, Romans 8:6, Romans 12:2, Psalm 139: 23-24
- What do these passages tell us about our minds?
- What do these passages tell us about God's mind?
  - o Does God's mind guide His heart or His heart guide His mind?
    - Did His heart instigate Creation or did His mind? Feel free to wrestle with this as a group.

#### World

- What does our culture value more: the mind or the heart? How have you seen this played out? Share examples.
  - Naturally, everyone's mind will follow their heart. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
    - Think about the relationship between the heart and mind in these two ways:
      - Heart is the driver for emotional and comfortable decision making
      - Heart is the driver that motivates for efficiency and productivity
- How do these things influence the way that we think about and interact in the world?
   How might this be different from the way the Lord loves the world with His mind?

#### Us

- Which heart is your mind following? The heart of God or the heart of your own desires?
   In the last five years, how has this affected your decision making?
- Each of us has seen our mind work in incredibly good ways and incredibly broken ways. How have you seen this play out in your own life and decision making?
- What basic practices can help us invite God to "search our thoughts" and "renew our minds"?
- What could your mind be like, if it was fully renewed? How might your thoughts change? What would your Kingdom thoughts be like in your present context?

As God transforms our whole bodies, our minds begin to follow the heartbeat of God.

