



Loving God with
Our Minds
Message 3

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2. Being _____.
(Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1 Peter 2:17)

► **Outline**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.
1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)

A. Introduction

(Philippians 2:5; Colossians 3:23)

3. Becoming people of _____.
(Matthew 26:40-41; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 4:7)

B. Loving God with our minds means...

1. _____ with the _____ in mind.
(1 Thessalonians 5:2; 1 Peter 4:7)

Answers: 1. Living, end 2. sober-minded 3. prayer

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

What did you think about most yesterday? Over the last month?

Prayer

Spend a few minutes slowing down. Allow enough time for your mind to stop racing and your heart to experience a sense of calm. As you begin this week's lesson, ask God to reveal Himself to you in new and beautiful ways. Say yes in your spirit to all He has for you.

Main Passage for this Series: Love God · Love People

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Bible Study and Group Discussion

The focus this week is loving God with all our *minds*.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

1. What does it mean to love God with your mind? See also Colossians 3:1-2.
2. What's the difference between thinking *about* God and thinking *like* God?
3. Paul urges us to *take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ*. What does this mean? Do you have an example of what this looks like?
4. How does the world *wage war*? How does God want us to battle? See also Ephesians 6:10-18.
5. What are you doing to keep yourself grounded in biblical truth?

Read 1 Peter 4:7-9.

6. Why is it important to know that *the end of all things is near* (NIV)? What would change in your life if you remembered this truth more often? See also 1 Thessalonians 5:2.
7. What are reasons it can be difficult to stay alert to the things of God? What further insight do you see in Romans 12:1-2?
8. How can being *alert* and *of sober mind* (NIV) lead us to pray? What can you do each day to keep your mind clear and alert?
9. Peter wrote this letter to people facing extreme persecution. What encouragement and direction does he offer?
10. What are you praying for yourself and our church?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Meditate on Philippians 4:4-9. Which words, phrases or ideas are most significant to you? Based on vs. 8, write down things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable and praiseworthy. Think about these every day this week.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

- Day 1: Philippians 2:1-11 Day 4: 2 Peter 2:11-17
Day 2: Colossians 3:23 Day 5: Matthew 26:40-46
Day 3: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 7, we'll continue the series *Love God · Love People*. To prepare, read **Matthew 6:19-34**.

