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Sermon Outline – September 27, 2009
Going Deeper - Part 3
“How to Change Your Mind”

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1-2

“Contrary to what we assume, the normal state of the mind is chaos...When we are left alone with no demands on attention, the basic disorder of the mind reveals itself”

“Entropy is the normal state of consciousness - a condition that is neither useful nor enjoyable.”

Michael Csikszentmihalyi

Our goal as Christ-followers is that our lives would conform to the image of Jesus Christ. When Jesus walked on the earth He treated the scriptures of His day as if they were the very words of God. For Him, what the scriptures said, God said (Mark 7:5-13).If Jesus is our Lord, our attitude towards the scripture should be the same as His.

How to approach the Word of God...

1. I enter _____

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

“The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.”

Psalms 119:130

2. I enter _____

“Coming to the Bible attentively means, first and foremost, reading the Bible on it's own terms”

Richard Foster

3. I enter _____

As you read the Bible, ask yourself three questions:

1. What does the passage say?
2. What does it mean?
3. How does it apply to me, my family, my work, my neighbors, the society around me?

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

Psalms 119:105