Series: Mind Games Message: Truth, Grace & Accountability

June 4, 2017

Attitude impacts our thinking; Our thinking impacts our life.

The power of a renewed mind.

Romans 12:2

## Three steps to a renewed mind:

- 1. Stop conforming.
- 2. Think and live biblically.
- 3. Experience God's will.

Truth and Grace: Together

John 114-17 | John 81-11

Accountability: Choosing the Truth

Live in truth and get rid of self-deception.

# Three marks of an accountable life.

- 1. Taking <u>responsibility</u>.

  James 114-15 | Proverbs 2813 | Colossians 315
- 2. Accepting <u>correction</u>.

  Proverbs 121 | 1 Corinthians 44 | Proverbs 19:27
- 3. Living <u>transparently</u>.

  James 516 | Hebrews 10:24-25 | Proverbs 2717 | Luke 121-3

# Life Group Study

For week of June 4, 2017

Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout t week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey w Jesus and His church by joining one today!

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#### Connecting

What is the oddest food you've ever eaten? What's the story?

We all have different preferences in how much we share about what's going on in our life. Where would you put yourself on this continuum?



Looking back over your notes from Sunday, was there something that stood out that you would like to share?

## Digging Deeper

Transparent living is one of the marks of an accountable life. Paul, I apostle, who wrote a majority of the letters in the New Testament liver transparent life even as a leader.

Read Romans 714-20 from one of Paul's letters then list some of the war Paul was transparent:

What keeps people from being honest with their struggle with s What would help people become more honest?

Has anyone ever been this honest with you about the sin they're struggl with? What would you want your response to be if someone was thonest with you?

Read Romans 141-4. It's okay to have personal guidelines for how you live that you feel is wise and beneficial. In your experience, how difficult is it not to expect others to live in the same way?	Notes:
Why do you think our preferences can cause disunity? What is Paul's remedy so that unity can be restored?	
Why are preferences so easily seen as the 'rules' everybody should live by? How can <b>Romans 1413 and 1419</b> help guide our thinking?	
An important part of following Jesus is to be a part of a smaller group of followers, like a Life Group, where we can be honest about our short-comings and find help and healing.	
From the following verses, write down what helps create a healthy environment to be transparent with each other:	
Romans 1210 -	
1 Thessalonians 515 –	
Ephesians 429 -	
Ephesians 4:32 -	
Pick one of these verses to put into action this week. Perhaps even write it out and memorize it!	
"Be kind and compassionate to one another,	
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."	

- Ephesians 4:32