



WARM-UP QUESTION: What comes to mind when you think of school? Did (or do) you like school?

READ: Romans 1:18-25

FOCUS: God's mind is supreme, the human mind is not; we must receive God's mind in our lives.

OBSERVE:

- The human heart has rejected God and suppresses the truth. God's wrath is the result. God's wrath is revealed against sinful humanity in response to godlessness and wickedness. Sinful nature and drive toward self-indulgence leads people to foolish thinking. God stops intervening and lets the natural negative consequences occur as a result.
- Rejection of God and foolish thinking still affect us today. Despite advances in education, technology and medical breakthroughs, we still deal with violence, crime, exploitation and perversion. Knowledge of the Bible (alone) does not overcome this – faith demonstrated with action is required.
- God's mind is supreme over ours and true wisdom acknowledges God's ways as higher than our own. We must receive His mind in our lives and have the mind of Christ. We do this by confessing our need for God's wisdom and filtering everything through His Word. We also welcome and celebrate the Holy Spirit's guidance, wisdom and Word that renews our minds.
- Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of God's wisdom. We must receive Jesus and continually acknowledge Him as Lord to see God's wisdom at work in our lives.

TAKING ACTION:

- This week, practice including God in your decision-making – invite Him into your choices. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about what to do.

REFLECT:

- How do you sometimes live as if your own mind is greater than God's?
- When you consider God's mind is supreme, how do you respond?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, Your ways are high and above our own. Your thoughts, Your wisdom, Your thinking supersedes our imagination. Forgive us for the foolishness of trusting in ourselves more than You. Give us faith and illuminate the eyes of our hearts to recognize Your ways and will. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit. May we be strengthened in our inner man to follow You. Use our lives to glorify Your Son, Jesus. Transform our minds and give us the mind of Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.