**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

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**Deep Divine Thoughts**

**Philippians 4:4-9**

**Getting Started:**

A. Are you more of an optimist or a pessimist? Are you future focused or locked in on the present?

B. Which do you believe is true: "We think our way into right acting" or "We act our way into right think?" Why?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

A. When it comes to our Spiritual thinking three things are true:

* Spiritual things we can't see (I John 3:2)
* Spiritual things we can see (Philippians 4:8)
* Spiritual things we could see but we don't (Romans 12:1-2)
* Look up the noted scriptures for each.

B. When it comes to not seeing what we *could* see:

* We don't see because our thinking is flawed (sin impacted).
  + Read Romans 1:28
* We don't see because our thinking is limited (we have blind spots).
  + Read 2 Corinthians 4:4
* We don't see because our thinking is easily distracted (over influenced by the culture).
  + Read Ephesians 4:17

C. Now re-read Romans 12:2. What does our thinking need?

D. In terms of our thinking shaping our life, what do we learn from:

* Proverbs 23:7
* Proverbs 4:23

E. Our faithful thinking shapes what we see. Read the following:

* Hebrews 11:1
* 2 Corinthians 4:18
* According to these two verses, what should one do if they want a great life? (Ephesians 1:18 & Proverbs 29:18)

F. God's Spirit and God's Word will fuel our thoughts. Read John 14:16-17 and Psalm 119:27 and see if you agree or not. Why?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. Which point in Pastor Scott's message got you thinking about your faith?

B. Where in your life did you have a "dream" that came true?

C. What present spiritual thoughts do you believe God has put on your mind? Why? What are going to do about them?