

8. What answer stood out the most for you? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Did the interview help change your perception of the need for intellectual engagement when it comes to faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Is there something from the message/interview you want to discuss that is not included here as part of the study?

### Response – Making it Practical

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1. Was there a question you would have liked to ask that wasn't? If so, why not consider sending an email to the office and we will try and get an answer for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you committed yourself to improving your thought life? Does the idea of an intellectual faith intimidate you?

Sermon Notes

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# Life Group Study Notes

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In this second installment we continue to understand the importance of critical thinking, especially as it relates to our faith.

This message is an interview with an academic, who came to faith during their pursuit of higher education.



Our conversation revolves around their experience in the upper echelons of the academic world, their writing, and how their Christian faith has been an integral part of it all.

## Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

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1. Do you have a major takeaway from last week's study? If not one takeaway was there a point, or a principle that caused you to think differently?
2. Why have we lost the intellectual pursuit that was an integral part of Christianity's long history? Is it just because we live in a culture that values experience, or is there another reason?
3. What resource, beyond the Bible, has been a source for deepening your theological roots?

## Read Philippians 4:6-9

4. Does this passage imply that you need to actively train your mind?
5. Why is peace so important for our minds?
6. The following is from Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. Take time to talk about the claim that Lewis makes in this quote.

... God is no fonder of intellectual slackers than of any other slackers. If you are thinking of becoming a Christian, I warn you you are embarking on something which is going to take the whole of you, brains and all. But, fortunately, it works the other way round. Anyone who is honestly trying to be a Christian will soon find his intelligence being sharpened: one of the reasons why it needs no special education to be a Christian is that Christianity is an education itself. That is why an uneducated believer like Bunyan was able to write a book [The Pilgrim's Progress] that has astonished the whole world.

7. During the interview, was there a particular idea or theme that was consistent in the answers you heard? Did the interview introduce you to another dimension of faith?