

Christmas Sound Tracks
Do you hear what I hear?
Week 1

1. 2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Question: Discuss the statement "When we don't control our thoughts, our thoughts control us."

2. "Do not conform 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 12:2

Question: What are you doing on a consistent basis to help you transform and renew your mind toward God?

3. Pastor Dustin said ask 3 questions about your personal sound track.

- a. Is it true what you are telling yourself? Get a second opinion.
- b. Is it helpful? Is what you are thinking helping you?
- c. Is it kind?
- d. **Question:** How can this passage help change your personal sound track?

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." **Philippians 4:8**

4. How would your life change if you verbally declared the following Declarations each day?

- a. **I pray with expectation:** I know there is power in prayer as there is power in faith. I will continually beat on Heaven's door for any and all prayer request that echo the heart of God. I believe God moves mountains and that prayer moves the heart of God.
- b. **I am encourager:** I will pan for gold in others because I realize everyone is made in the image of God, but few know or remember

that. I am an optimist. I will assume the best not the worst in others and in life.

- c. **I am a joy filled person:** I realize that joy is a choice and I choose to be grateful, for I know that God has been so kind to me. I will rejoice in every season. I will sing his praises just as loud in the valley's as I do on the mountain tops. I refuse to complain when life doesn't go my way. For I know that complaining erodes unity, exposes immaturity, and avoids responsibility.
- d. **I am close to Jesus:** I am who I am because of Jesus. I realize that my day and my life rises and falls based on if I am close or far from Him. I meet with Jesus daily because I can't do this life without him. I meet with him daily because I need forgiveness daily, daily renewal, and a daily reminder that I am his and he is mine. I gladly sit at his feet. It's not a chore, it's an honor.

5. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Question: What does this passage teach you about listening?

- 6. Read the following statements about who you are In Christ and share how each verse personally applies to you.
 - a. You are His masterpiece. **Ephesians 2:10**
 - b. You are redeemed. **Isaiah 43:1**
 - c. You are a child a God. **John 1:12**
 - d. You are a friend of Jesus. **John 15:15**
 - e. You are no longer a slave to sin. **Romans 6:6**
 - f. You have been accepted by Christ. **Romans 15:7**

7. To do this week... Every day please read aloud the declarations and the above passages about who you are In Christ.