

### Spring Semester Timeline



Father John Burns

### Summary

In today's session, Fr. John asks whether we have our ultimate orientation heading in the right direction. We have an intellect and a will and we are called to inform our intellect and strengthen our will. We must form our minds in Christ and the things of God. When our mind is renewed we have the mind of Christ and we see things the way He does. We must choose heaven every day and be aware that many of our decisions (and not just the decision to sin or not sin) are getting us closer to heaven or further away.

### Small Group Goals

- Understand that we don't just end up in heaven by chance, we must make a choice for heaven.
- Highlight the need for the men to have their minds renewed and informed by the things of God. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

### Discussion Questions

- How carefully do you attend to the direction and contents of your thoughts and imagination during an average day? In Scriptural terms, where do you let your heart wander and rest throughout the day? Can you relate that to Christ's words, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Mt 6:21)?
- The power of freedom is profound, and often unexamined in the nuances of our daily lives. Do you "feel" like you've made an act of the will to choose heaven? What about the choice to orient the details of your day-to-day toward that end?

### Supplemental Questions

- If someone were to observe you on a given day, would they be able to tell that you are oriented towards heaven, that unity with God for all eternity is what you truly desire? Why or why not?
- What does being transformed by the renewal of your mind mean to you?