

small group QUESTIONS

1. Did a thought or story from this week's message have a special impact on you?

2. In the following verses, well-meaning people were tempted to embrace two competing thoughts.

Read the passages and describe the conflicting thoughts in your own words.

- James 4:1-6 (main point is verse 4)
- Matthew 5:43-48 (main point is verse 44)
- Galatians 5:1-13 (main point is verse 13)
- Ephesians 2:1-10 (main point is verses 8-9)

3. We are all tempted to believe thoughts we know cannot both be true. For instance, we may believe that it is okay to be bitter about people we have forgiven. Or, we may want to believe that "good people" will gain salvation without trusting in Christ. Or, we may want to believe that loving God and being selfish are compatible. And, the list goes on. What competing thoughts are you tempted to believe even though you know they are contradictory?