

ICFG Workshop

San Diego

“Spiritual Discernment”

What is “discernment”?

What is the relationship between discernment and perception?

What are ways that our perception of things can be influenced?

To what extent can someone control our thoughts and perspective by controlling what we see and hear?

To what extent should/can we intentionally choose our own thoughts?

To what extent should/can we allow our thoughts to be shaped by others?

# The Importance of Intentionality vs. Passivity

# The Importance of Good Sources... and Good Insight

What can a person become susceptible to if they start seeing the pursuit of truth as hopeless?

The mind is a constant construction zone with competing blueprints perpetually coming in.

What kind of foreman are you?

The Importance of Believing Someone... of Believing the Right Someone

# The Possibility of a “Self-Shaped” Mind

The Negative Feedback Loop

Romans 1:16-32

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- How does this passage emphasize the importance of a Divine Word being spoken into our lives?
- What is the response needed in order for that Word to have an effect on our lives?
- What is the natural, human response to truth?
- To what extent is God's truth perceivable or else invisible?
- In what ways can we think we are discerning when we are not?
- What is the real-life effects of discarding God's truth for a lie?
- Looking at the entire passage, what is God's response to our self-deception?

Romans 8:5-11

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- What are the different sources that are described here?
- What difference does it make what we set our mind on? How does what we set our minds on affect our lives, and our relationship with God?
- What is the relationship between how we live our lives and what we set our minds on?
- How does the presence of Christ and the Spirit make a difference in our lives and minds?

Discernment:

Gaining “the Mind *of God*”