Believe

Week 14

To be single-minded means to have one desire that trumps all others. One goal. One focus.

GOD!!!

How do I keep my focus on Jesus amid distractions?

Why is distracted driving dangerous?

We are some examples of things that can distract us when driving?

We all know the dangers of distracted driving, what about the dangers of a distracted Church?



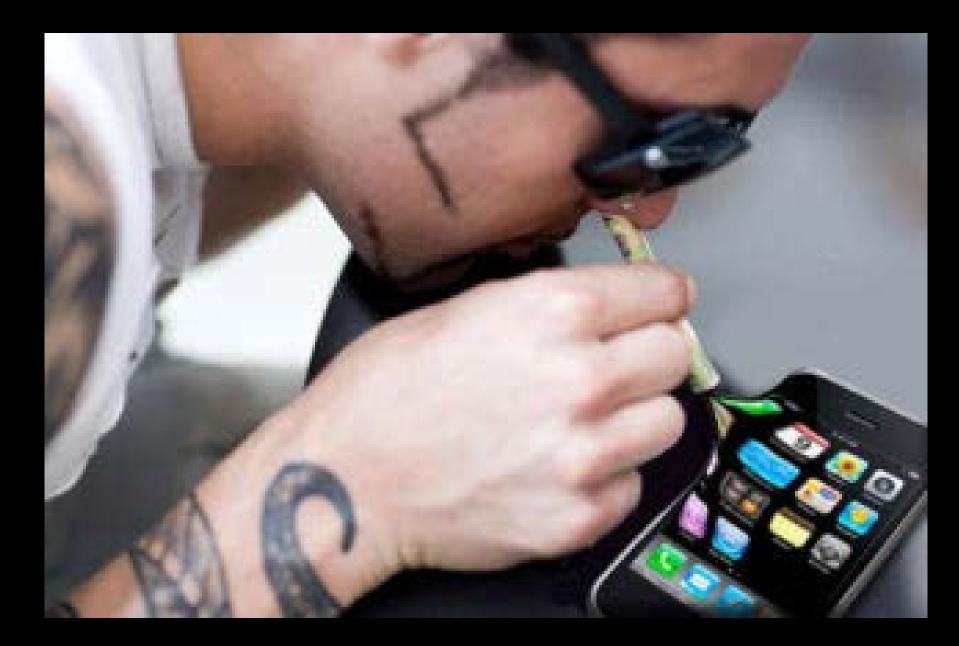
Why is being distracted from God dangerous?

What are some things that can distract us from God?

Visual Distractions

2 Samuel 11: 1-5





Internet Addiction Disorder

mobile devices are the needles



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Internet Addiction: A Brief Summary of Research and Practice

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Abstract: Problematic computer use is a growing social issue which is being debated worldwide. Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD) ruins lives by causing neurological complications, psychological disturbances, and social problems.



Say they're addicted to their mobile devices

59% of parents 50% of teens

Say that their teens spend too much time on their mobile devices



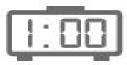
66% of parents 52% of teens agreed

Feel the need to immediately respond to texts, social networking messages, and other notifications



48% of parents
72% of teens

Check their devices at least hourly



69% of parents 78% of teens



Try to occasionally reduce the amount of time they spend on devices



50% of parents 33% of teens

Matthew 14:22-33

What distracted Peter?

Is Worry distracting you from God?

Matthew 6: 25-34

How does worry distract us from God?

Are the things in the world distracting you from God?

1 John 2: 16

For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father but from the world.

What are some examples of the lust of the eyes that distract us from God?



Wealth

I LOVE SHINY NEW THINGS.

How does wealth distract us from God?

Matthew 6: 19-24

Mark 10: 17-27

Wealth

Our society is becoming more affluent and as a result more people have money or have options to borrow money. People have technology options, travel options, options for their kids. This affluence can distract us from God.

What are some examples of the pride of life distracting us from God?

Success in the world

What are some examples of how our desire for worldly success is distracting us from God?

5 Devastating consequences Of Keeping Up With The Joneses

- 1. Lack of joy and contentment
- 2. Lack of peace and rest
- 3. Financial stress
- 4. Destructive friendships
- 5. Distraction from God

What are some examples of how our desire to make our children successful or popular in the world is distracting us from God?



More children start earlier. More kids focus on one sport year round. More is demanded of these athletes — more practices, more games, more travel. More is demanded of their families — more money, more involvement, more expectations.

Luke 9: 59
What Jesus would say today
He said to another man,
"Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me finish out the season because my kid's team is winning"

He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me finish this text and then take a selfie with you so I can post it on Instagram and I don't want to go if you don't have WIFI"

What did Jesus mean in the following quote from Mark 2: 27?

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

God is asking us to take just one day a week to escape our busy lives, to get away from our distractions and use that day to rest and focus on Him and our families.

Jesus is telling us in Mark 2 that God made this day of rest for us, for our own good, not for God!

Why is it so hard to give up the world's distractions for God for just one day?

What difference does this make in the way I live?