

Keep the Focus

Series: Distracted (message 2) **Date:** November 14/15, 2020

Intro

1 Timothy 1:5-7

I. DISTRACTION WILL DISABLE LOVE.

- John 13:33–34
- Matthew 22:39

II. LOVE COMES FROM A GOSPEL-FOCUSED LIFE.

- Psalm 24:3-4
- Mark 7:21–23
- James 2:9–11
- Hebrews 9:13–14
- Hebrews 10:22

III. STAY FOCUSED ON THE GOSPEL.

- 1 Timothy 4:1–2
1. Confess
 2. Remember
 3. Receive
 4. Rise up and rejoice

sermon discussion

OPENING DISCUSSION

As you start your group time today, take a few moments to share two or three things you are grateful for from this past week. Challenge your group members to take time every day to write down 3-5 things they are thankful for and then thank God, the giver of all good things.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Describe a time when distraction(s) or overconfidence got you into trouble or put you in an uncomfortable situation?
2. Read 1 Timothy 1:3-5. What were certain men devoted to in Ephesus? What happens when our devotion is redirected away from Christ?
3. To what teaching or belief are/were you overly committed that does/did not lead to greater godliness for you or others? What makes that teaching or belief attractive or easy to overemphasize?
4. How would you describe the aim of the Christian life? How did Jesus describe it in John 13:33–34 and Matthew 22:37-40? Do you tend place more emphasis on loving God or loving others? Why do you think that is?
5. Read Matthew 5:8. How would you describe an impure heart, and why does that matter to God?
6. With which do you struggle more, an impure heart, a guilty conscience, or an insincere faith? Have you always struggled in this area, and if yes, why?
7. Read Matthew 23:25-28. Do you tend to focus more on outward obedience or inward? When you are confronted by hypocrisy in your own life, how do you tend to respond—with denial or repentance? Why?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34