



HEART

8. How do you feel when you go an entire day without reading the Bible and prayer? What will you do to make sure you focus on Scripture and prayer for guidance and strength?

9. What are the first indications you notice in your life that you are losing focus? What would your spouse or those closest to you see that would indicate this?



HANDS

10. What do you need to give up to be completely obedient to Christ? Be honest with yourself. If you are hesitant to give this up, how can you get to the place where you are not hesitant?

11. How has God called you to serve, either in the past or recently? How did you respond to that call? How is God calling you to serve now? What will you do about it?



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Acts 5:12-6:7:

I. We focus on _____ regardless of the cost.

II. We focus on the _____ and _____ for guidance and strength.

III. We focus on _____ while Satan wants to bring _____.

IV. We focus on _____ in the capacity for which God has _____ us.



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON:

Christ-followers must never lose their focus for the things that truly matter.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

- ☼ Describe a task you perform (for work, a hobby, a chore, etc.) in which you must concentrate to keep from being distracted. What happens when you give in to distractions?



Read Acts 5:12-6:7

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. The activities of the early church caught the attention of the authorities. What was the result? What was the apostles' reaction to the command from the angel of the Lord in verse 20?
3. After their arrest, God delivered Peter and John from jail. "As church history unfolds, all but one of the apostles would eventually die for the cause of Christ. For now, God preserved their lives to accomplish His purposes." What does this quote tell you about how you should view life as a believer?
4. When questioned, Peter revealed his allegiance to Jesus alone. "We must obey God rather than men." Compare this with Romans 13:1-5. When linked together, what do these two passages suggest about the Christian's civic responsibility?
5. Read Acts 5:41-42. Describe the attitude of Peter and John after being beaten. Why do you think their response was so positive? How can we better prepare ourselves to have this same attitude when persecuted?
6. Pastor Brian mentioned four specific times in the life of Jesus that we see Him praying. Which of these stood out to you the most? Why? What can we learn about the importance of prayer from these specific instances?
7. Not only were there problems coming from outside the church, but there were now problems arising from within. How did the apostles handle the situation without giving up their God-given task of prayer and teaching the Word of God? What does the criteria given for helpers suggest about service and purity? How should this apply to ministry helpers today?