

**SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 11-15-15**  
**SERIES: IGNITE – WEEK #2: FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

**Luke 8:14 (ESV)**

*14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.*

**1. Cares of this life**

**CARES:** merrimna (mare-im-na) = **DISTRACTED**

**Mark 4:35-40 (ESV)**

*35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"*

Care of this life will either **Distract** us **from** or **Direct** us **to** God.

**2. Riches of this life**

**RICHES:** ploutos (plut-ahs) = **WEALTH or MONEY**

The **RICHES** of this life can cause us to **BELIEVE WE DON'T NEED GOD.**

**Mark 10:21-23 (ESV)**

*21 And Jesus, looking at him, **loved** him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"*

Either we **SEIZE CONTROL** Or we **SURRENDER CONTROL.**

**Philippians 4:19 (ESV)**

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

**3. Pleasures of this life**

**PLEASURE:** hedone (hey-doe-nay) = **sensual delight**

The pleasures of this life can **BECOME** our **GOD.**

**Ecclesiastes 2:1-3,10-11 (ESV)**

*1 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, **all was vanity and a striving after wind**, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.*

Either we **worship** what feels **GOOD** or we **bow** to **what's even better**

Instead of doing what **FEELS** good, do what **IS** good.

**Psalm 40:8 (ESV)**

*"I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."*

**Psalm 63:3-5 (ESV)**

*3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,*

**Psalm 16:11 (ESV)**

*11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*