



Sermon Date 4/26/20

OPENING PRAYER

- Commit your discussion to God.
- Ask Him to reveal Himself through His word.
- Pray for courage to live out our convictions.

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34*

CONSIDERATION – Discussion Starters

- What word would you use to describe your 'relationship' to technology?
- Has technology helped you to connect with God & His people?
- Has technology ever been a source of distraction, conflict or temptation for you?

Though the Bible was written before much of our modern technology it has a lot to say about limiting distractions that would otherwise divide or even discourage our worship of God.

In this resource

1. CONSIDERATION – Discuss key questions of life and faith.
2. CONNECTION – Discover what the Bible says on these issues.
3. COMMITMENT – Map out how you will apply the truth of God's revealed will in the coming week.
4. COMMISSION – Decide to pass on what you have discovered this week through sharing and service.

CONNECTION – Seeking God through the Study of His Word

Read Psalm 62:1-8 together with your group or family.

- Verse 1 & 5 each illustrate the silence of our soul necessary when we wait for God. Verse 1 is a statement of fact & verse 8 is a command for the soul to wait. From this passage & other scriptures you know, why are silence & waiting key priorities if we are to meet with God personally?

The author of this psalm (David) does not end with silence or waiting. He affirms that God alone is his rock, salvation, fortress (verse 2 & 6) & charges us to “Trust in Him at all times” & to “pour out our heart before him” because God is our refuge.

- Do you agree that God alone is able to protect & care for our needs?
- If you said yes, why are we still being tempted to seek fulfillment apart from God or default to other things ahead of him?
- How do the voices of marketing, entertainment, politics & other influencers fill our lives with ‘noise’ that refutes the silence & assurance of waiting on God?

Read Psalm 131 together. Discuss how we begin to silence noise in order to worship & rest in God as a maturing child with their mother.

Then, Read Proverbs 4:20-27. Discuss how you “Keep your heart with all vigilance” & “Turn your foot away from evil” that are so prevalent due to technology.

COMMITMENT – Personal Map for Application

How will you choose to silence your soul in order to hear from God this week?

If you are being tempted to sin due to technology confess this temptation with a prayer partner this week. Ask them to pray with you & hold you accountable to Keep your heart with all vigilance as you turn your foot away from evil.

COMMISSION – Pass it on through Sharing and Service

Our church is collecting supplies for families in our community. Will you shop for supplies this week & contribute to the needs of those being served with LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE?

Also, our lead pastor Drew has challenged us to spend a day or night without technology this week. Practice this ‘Technology Free’ time together as a family & ask God to speak to you in personal time of silence.