

Sunday Sermon Review: Week of July 25th, 2021

Sermon: Focused

Speaker: Pastor Darren Nibbelink - Lead Pastor of Focus314 Church

Icebreaker

- What translation of the bible do you read and why?

Conversation Starters and Sermon Review

I. Distractions Lead to Accidents

- What normally distracts you when you are focused and how do you handle it? Is it a struggle to get rid of it?
- What steps can you take to mitigate away from those distractions?

II. Where is Your Focus?

- Pastor Darren shared that our focus determines our destiny, what are you focused on and where is that path leading you?
- Take a moment and reflect on what the main influence of your focus has been. Is it God inspired or self-serving?

III. Traps we Fall Into

Our Focus is on the Good Life

Our Focus is on the Here and Now

- What is one thing that you've been thinking will make a huge difference in your life? Why will this make a difference?
- How do you define the "Good Life?"
- What is the definition of the world's "Good Life" and what is the definition of the Scriptural "Good Life?"

VI. The Good Life is Never Good Enough?

- Think of a time where you worked so hard to achieve or obtain something that you thought would change your life. What was the outcome?
- **Read Matthew 6:33**, how does this apply to your life? How would you share this with someone who is struggling in their focus?

VII. What you are Focused on is what you will find?

- Pastor Darren said “What you are Focused on is what you will find”, for someone on the outside looking into your life, what would they say your focus is?
- What has kept you from living the life that Christ has called you into?

Act On It

Encourage:

“Consider how precious a soul must be that both God and the Devil are after it.” -Charles Spurgeon. God uniquely made each of us and loved us so, that he sent his only Son to die for us even while we were still sinners. We are all born into sin, we are all born into the hand of the Devil, BUT GOD’s everlasting, ever pursuing, undefeatable love reached out and made a way for us when there was no way and now we all have the free gift to accept Christ into our hearts. For the word says that all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. God made it so easy and yet we make that so difficult to accept. God loves us and wants us, we simply have to believe and accept His love.

Ask:

Pray that God shifts your focus from matters most to you to what matters most to Him. Ask for help eliminating any distractions. Pray for a spirit of contentment, to be happy with what we are already getting from God instead of what we are lacking from the world.

Challenge:

Let's take steps to eliminate distractions. Find an accountability partner within your group to help. Try writing down your top 5 biggest distractions. Then write down what situations lead you to fall into these areas. Finally,

identify what you need to do to keep you from pulling the trigger on each of these areas.

Prayer Request and Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you Lord for your everlasting Love. Thank you for your unwavering focus to call us into a relationship with you. The bible tells us to take hold of our thoughts, and so help us to take hold of those thoughts that distract us and use your truth to overcome them and follow your future for us. God, your victory can assure us in times of difficulty. You won that for us, you desire the best for us, and you will meet all our needs, Amen.