

WOKE

Is your goal to be happy? How could Satan use this goal against us? In our series “Woke”, we will continue to look at the lies Satan uses to distract and destroy us.

Week One: Destruction and Distraction

Text: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon Summary:

Teaching points:

- Satan’s false message is that happiness should be our goal in life.
- Jesus teaches that following Him should be our primary goal in life.
- Following Jesus brings eternal significance to our lives.

Discussion Questions:

These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday’s sermon?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- It’s easy to believe Satan’s lie that our lives should revolve around our happiness. What are some of the ways you see that lie reinforced in culture (advertising, movies, TV, books, attitudes)?
- When Jesus asked His disciples who they believed He was Peter answered correctly (“The Messiah”), but he didn’t understand what that really meant. Why would it have been so hard for him and the other disciples to understand that?

What are you going to do about it?

- Satan’s lies usually have a “little truth sprinkled in.” Why must we be aware of this, and can you think of some examples?
- Someday you will stand in the presence of God. What do you want Him to think of you?
- What is the cross (life calling or purpose) that God wants you to bear?

How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

- The pursuit of self is the biggest barrier to following Jesus Christ. How are your own expectations and sense of entitlement standing between you true joy in following God?
- How can others in your small group help you and pray for you to focus better on God and His will for you?

MEMORY VERSE

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

Mark 8:34b-35

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Encourage everyone in your small group to pick a time and go through Biblical Manhood or Womanhood. Ask them to sign up online as soon as possible. Encourage your apprentices to lead the discussion groups rather than you doing it. This will give them valuable leadership experience.

- Studies start this week and continue Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
- Biblical Womanhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
 - <https://www.hcbc.com/women/>
 - Thursday Mornings - 9:30am
 - Thursday Evenings - 7:30pm
 - Saturday Mornings - 9:00am
- Biblical Manhood Online Teaching Times – discussion immediately following:
 - <https://www.hcbc.com/men/>
 - Tuesday Evenings - 8:00pm
 - Wednesday Mornings - 6:30am
 - Saturday Mornings - 7:00am