

SERMON NOTES FOR 6/12

Reasons Why People Don't Follow Jesus

Mark 4:13-20; Acts 3:19; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 10:14-22;
2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:13-15; Galatians 2:16

1. To obey God is _____ and _____. Mark 4:17
2. The intoxication of _____ and personal accomplishment.
Mark 4:19
3. The message of sin, repentance, faith, miracles, and an after-life seems foolish. 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 4:4
4. Satan, and his demons, use a _____ _____ to trick people into false religions. 1 Cor. 10:19-21
5. Satan uses a spiritual force, Jesus' name, and many Biblical doctrines, to create _____ that pull people away from truth. 2 Cor. 11:13-15

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL FOR WEEK OF 6/12

Sermon Review: *Of the 5 reasons mentioned why people don't follow Jesus, which one(s) do you see most common in the people you know?*

Read: John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8.

On Sunday we talked about the power of Satan in pulling people away from Jesus. The warning in these verses we just read is that Satan is after us, whether you are far from God or trying to love God. His primary mode of offense is through lies. Lies about what will make us happy, what freedom is, what we deserve, what others should do for us, what God should do for us, and many many more. His lies usually create the tension in our lives and relationships. Go through the following questions with a friend, with your spouse, or with your family.

Why do you think Satan's main approach is to lie to us?

What makes you happy that you know is good and God approves of?

What do you think will make you happy that often leads to regret or conflict with others?

What is the lie from Satan behind each of these things?

What can you do this week to help eliminate those lies from Satan in your life?

Memorize: "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." - 1 Peter 5:8

[As the week goes on, it may be good to revisit what was discussed and see the progress in your family. Compliment when progress is made, encourage lovingly if no progress is seen].