

# DISTRACTED SONS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Icebreaker:** If you knew you were going to die in 24 hours, what three things would you do in the time you had left?

Everybody knows how dangerous it is to text and drive. Texting distracts our focus from the greater purpose of driving in a way that keeps everybody safe. Distractions can be very dangerous.

Spiritually this is the case as well and the enemy will use anything to distract us from the greater purposes of God. When we are distracted by sin we experience we are slowly losing our spiritual focus.

Sin has a suffocating, blinding, numbing, intoxicating and deafening affect on our lives keeping us from being able to reason properly. Air is to the body what prayer is to the spirit. Sin causes us to slowly lose spiritual consciousness without realizing what is going on. We slowly lose the ability to see clearly without realizing our vision is no longer crisp. Hearing the voice of God becomes difficult rather than the ongoing conversation God desires with us.

### Discussion Question:

- Identify an area in your life that is a consistent distraction.
- If that distraction were removed, the time it consumed now turned to focus on God - how would your spiritual impact increase in your family and on the world around you?

Revelation 20 explains the eternal judgment that will take place at the throne of God. It is not until after this judgment that we then read the following:

**Rev 21:4** *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain...* NIV

### Discussion Question:

- What comes to mind when you reflect on the following statement?

We will watch the judgment take place before our tears are wiped away. It is very sobering to realize how stepping into eternity will lead us to the introduction of who we could have been, how we could have lived and what we could have done to help others find their way into the eternal purposes of God.

We tend to formulate temporal arguments that shortchange us from eternal things! The issue of sin is not as much an issue of sins as it is an issue of sons. We were sinners needing a Savior but Jesus didn't die for us because we are sinners. He died because we are sons.

**Romans 8:19** *For all creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.* NIV

When God's children are awakened to God's purposes all heaven will break loose in the earth!

### Discussion Question:

- How can we develop a greater understanding of being God's sons and daughters every day we live?
- Share the impact of this knowledge - what is God speaking to you?

We are all in the process of becoming the more exaggerated version of ourselves. This is why the Revelation of Christ within us is so important. Otherwise we become something God never designed us to be.

**GP4RL:** Get honest about a struggle in your life this week with somebody you know you can trust.