

BIG IDEA

Drift happens. Don't lose sight of Jesus!!!

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Tell about a time when you got distracted from your goal. What made you realize that you were off track?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-4. What happens when you don't stay close to the truth? What examples in modern culture can you identify that are being addressed by this passage?

How does Paul's warning in this passage mirror John's message to believers in 1 John 2?

What is Paul's advice for combatting drift in this passage? Support your answer. In 2 Timothy :2, Paul charges Timothy to: "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of

season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

What causes you to drift? Why?

Most people don't turn and reject biblical teaching all at once, they drift.

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What are some "good" things that cause you to drift away and lose sight of Jesus? Explain.

"Good" thing that cause us to drift are not as obvious as the evil things that may tempt us in our lives. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with them except that they take our eyes off of Jesus.

Read 1 John 2:15-17. What does John confront the reader about in this passage? Where are your desires focused?

Believers are not to love the world. In other words, believers should not buy into to the way the world works. Our desires should be influenced by kingdom values, not worldly values.

What does it look like to love the world? How would you explain this in your own words?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What are some tangible ways to fix our eyes Jesus in your day to day life? How would you answer this question differently if you couldn't say "read your Bible and pray"?





What decisions can you make today that can keep you from drifting tomorrow?

Often, making a decision before the question comes up can keep us from drifting. Take this opportunity to help your group members think proactively about avoiding drift in their lives.

How can community help us to fix your eyes on Jesus? How can your group make this more of a reality?

What are steps that you can take today to help others to keep from drifting? We sometimes try to avoid involving ourselves in the lives of others. However, everyone needs caring people around them to keep them from drifting too far.