

# Small Group Questions

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*Week of Sunday, September 10th, 2023*

## Launch Question

What is your favorite “go-to” means of entertainment? (Physical Books/Kindle/Music/TV/Sports/Movies/Video Games/Social Media/Streaming Service/Etc.)

## Observe the Texts:

1. Read John 8:44. What is the devil known for?
2. Read Philippians 4:8 and Romans 12:2. What kinds of things do these texts encourage Christians to think about and not think about?
3. Read Psalm 101:3 and Ephesians 5:15-17. How does God not want people to spend their time?

*In the questions below, “entertainment” will be used broadly to refer to all categories listed above in the launch question. The purpose of these questions is not to hunt for people’s vices or throw people under busses, but to encourage and build up one another in light of the Scriptures listed above. Be gracious. Reserve judgment. Listen well.*

## Process:

4. Have you ever heard a message preached on entertainment before? What things stuck out to you from either the message or the Scriptures read?
5. Do you think Americans tend to spend too much or too little time on entertainment? Why do you think this is the case?
6. What kinds of entertainment have you and your family historically spent the most time on?

7. Zak talked about the enemy making “toxic things tasty”. Without naming specific movie/show/song/book/game titles, how have you seen the devil use deception or seduction in your own experience with entertainment?

8. Zak said you can think about something without being entertained, but you can’t be entertained by something without thinking. Consider Philippians 4:8 and Romans 12:2. Can a secular show/book execute well on these verses? If so, how?

*As we prepare for the response questions below, I want to remind everyone that people are in different stages in their walk with Jesus. Some may be new, while others are more seasoned. There will exist different levels of sensitivity as well as people who reverted to either license or legalism. Let us be gracious and know Jesus meets us where we are!*

## **Respond:**

9. How should someone go about discerning if entertainment is wasting time? What sorts of boundaries do you think are healthy in curbing this?

10. Zak closed with Ecclesiastes 3:12-13. He made the point that if we are delighting in something, we should be able to thank God for it. Is this a change in normal perspective from what makes something “good entertainment”?

11. Where have you felt challenged to make adjustments in the way that you/your household approach entertainment?

12. Do you have any comments or thoughts that have gone unspoken?