

Undistracted

To remain “all in,”

we must _____

1. Mark 11:15-19 - Distracted by _____

2. Mark 12:13-17 - Distracted by _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What’s your favorite store? What’s your favorite aisle?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Matthew 11:15-19. What made Jesus upset?

- How does knowing that this area was called the Court of the Gentiles help us understand what’s happening here?

Jesus drove out the buyers and sellers, and called them “robbers.” What were they robbing people of?

- That word “robber” can also mean “insurrectionist” or rebel. How was their buying and selling an act of rebellion?

What are some ways today that a love of money can be a distraction from loving others?

- How can it be a distraction from loving God?

How can a consumeristic mindset distract us from being “all in” with our love for God and others?

Read Matthew 12:13-17. What kind of trap were the Pharisees and Herodians trying to set for Jesus?

Look at vv. 16-17. What belongs to Caesar and why? What belongs to God and why?

What do you see Jesus inferring about the relationship between God and government in these verses?

- Do politics and political issues matter?

What does it look like for us to give back to God what has his image on it?

On Sunday, Pastor Tim identified two common distractions (consumerism and politics) from being “all in” with loving God and others. What other distractions have you noticed in your life or others?

How can we pray for one another?