

Week 5

Bulletin Study Questions

1. Bob detailed “the History of Busyness” in the message. He detailed how the industriousness of the “Greatest Generation” led to the search for self discovery of the “Baby Boomer” generation. This, in turn, gave birth to the prosperity and technological innovation enjoyed by the current generation. In which generation do you fit? Do you agree or disagree with his analysis? Are there trends or events that he did not mention that you feel were important?
2. Tell a story from your childhood which describes a family ritual. How do the stories demonstrate the different values of each generation?
3. Read Proverbs 6: 6-11, 26: 13-16. A sluggard is a lazy person. In the message a slothful person was characterized by busyness but not at the best things. Explain what the word *sloth* means to you. How does laziness differ from sloth?
4. Read Matthew 5: 12-14, Matthew 26: 36-46, John 4: 33-38. “Beware the barrenness of a busy life.” How do these verses highlight the truth of that sentence?
5. “Got sloth? Who cares?” Sloth is indifference and even resistance to the redeeming work of Jesus. Sloth refuses the gift of each day by taking away purpose and direction. Why is it so important for Christians to counter the effects of this deadly sin?
6. Read Matthew 16: 24-26, Matthew 22: 34-40, Luke 14: 25-35, John 15: 9-17, I Corinthians: 5: 9-11, 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, 1 John 4: 16-21. From the message we learned that our new identity as God’s children calls us to action in four areas. They are to follow Jesus; serve those around us; care for the world; care for ourselves. Pray to discover how sloth may be keeping you from growth or action in one or more of these areas.
7. What specific steps or actions can you take to combat sloth?