

IN *entertainment* WE TRUST

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INTRO

American Idol was a huge hit when it came out, and still runs today, though on a different network. What's your all-time favorite reality show?

DISCUSSION

1. The sermon mentioned we spend on average 11 years of our lives looking at screens for entertainment. Does this statistic surprise you? What is your initial reaction to that amount of time?
2. Paul observed the Athenians were very "religious" in the sense of being consumed with new ideas and information. In what ways might our culture's obsession with entertainment be a form of unconscious "worship".
3. David Foster Wallace argues that we all worship something, it's just a matter of what or who we choose to worship. What things in your own life have you found yourself consciously or unconsciously "worshiping"?
4. Romans 12:2 instructs believers not to be conformed to the patterns of this world. How might the patterns and influences of our entertainment-saturated world shape our minds in negative ways? What are some patterns to push back against?
5. The idea of having a small liturgy or prayer before engaging entertainment was given as one practical application. Does this concept resonate with you? What is one specific way you might implement this practice?

PRAY

Pray for each other.

