

Introduction:

- We're obsessed with our cell phones, a new study has found. The heaviest smartphone users click, tap or swipe on their phone 5,427 times a day, according to researcher Dscout. That's the top 10 percent of phone users, so one would expect it to be excessive. However, the rest of us still touch the addictive things 2,617 times a day on average. No small number. The research firm, which specializes in consumer reactions to products, recruited 94 Android device users and installed special software on their smartphones. The tool tracked each user's "interaction" over five days, all day, the company says in a blog post on its website. "And by every interaction, we mean every tap, type, swipe and click. We're calling them touches," it explains. Averaging out the numbers, the aforementioned figures mean the heaviest users are touching their devices a couple of million times in one year, Dscout says. ... Probably the most interesting thing in all this was that the people surveyed completely underestimated their phone touching. While they were initially shocked by the numbers, 41 percent said "it probably won't change the way I use my phone." APPLICATION:
 - How many taps, types, swipes and clicks take place between you and God in a day?
 - If the number of times you were in contact with God on a daily basis could be tracked, would you be shocked by the result? Would it be because of how *often*, or, how *infrequently* you reached out to Him? "An obsession to touch phones is rampant" Network World | Jul 7, 2016.
- On Saturday, August 21, 6 p.m. We are going to have a night of worship. Just to give Jesus glory, to be in His presence and to worship Him. No preaching...just worship. The outline of the night will be simple: bow down to Jesus, hold the feet of Jesus, and Worship Jesus.
- Mt 28:5-9, 16-18. *"The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. "Good morning!" he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and **worshiped him.**"* (The Message Bible Matthew 28:8-9). *"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** And when they saw him they **worshiped him**, but some doubted."* Mt 28:16-17

I. Created To Worship

- A. I believe that God created us to worship. God made us with a hunger to worship Him.
 1. This hunger to worship is revealed in our great desire or great appetite for beauty. IE. It is the awe we find in new born babies, it is the beauty of a summer Florida sunrise. It is the awesome sunsets we have here in Brevard County. IE. I am talking about the appetite for beauty. Kelly and I have taken several fall vacations in NC. One place had a big picture window in the bedroom and in the morning when you woke up the fall colors would burst out of the mountain top and above the clouds. It was beautiful! But how many other people that same morning woke up only to pull the shade???
 2. We were made to find infinite joy in admiring God! Yet we waste so much of our time pursuing things that do not fulfill or satisfy us. The irony of our human condition (and nobody here is an exception) is that God put us within sight of a glorious sunrise, and we have chosen to pull down the blinds of our chalet and to see what's trending on instagram.

3. All the mountain scenes, movie stars, glossy photo albums don't satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart. Yes, they temporarily give us some pleasure but they can never satisfy like going to the window and throwing open the shutters to see the glory of Risen Christ in all of His beauty.
 4. If your life is empty, flat, without significance it is because you cannot see the risen Christ for who He really is. I want to take you to the window of God's Word and point you to the Christ. You keep Him in view and your bottomless appetite for beauty would be so satisfied you would not want to look at anything but Him!
- B. Matthew opens that window for us in chapter 28 and we see three things there, three beautiful mountain peaks of Christ's character. The peak of His power. The peak of His Kindness and the Peak of His purpose.
1. People who do not have the power to accomplish their purpose are not admired for their greatness. Nor do selfish people who are only about themselves attract our attention. No, we are drawn to people who have the power to accomplish their purpose all the while... being kind.
 2. IE. Olympic athletes who have won the gold, who love America, who are grateful for the opportunity to represent their nation and not themselves!
 3. What we long to see and who we long to know is a Person whose *power* is unlimited, whose *kindness* is so tender, and whose *purpose* is single and unflinching. The only One who can fill that bill is the Son of God, Himself!
 4. IE. I can look at mountains in postcards, magazines, and books but they are nothing compared to the view itself! We must see the Original of all power and kindness and purposefulness. We must see and worship the risen Christ! Let look out the window.

II. The Open Window

- A. Matthew opens a window in Mt 28, and it is to be a window of worship. Both the women who met Him and the disciples who saw Him, the result was worship of the Risen Christ! They worshiped Him.
1. Remember when Satan comes to Jesus in Matthew 4:9? *"And Satan said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"* (Matthew 4:9-10, ESV)
 2. Jesus the Son of God is being WORSHIPED in Mt 28 because of His obedience to the Father and His victory over death, hell and the grave! Mt 28 reminds us that from everlasting to everlasting He is worthy to be praised!!!
 3. Matthew 28 is a window into the glory of the risen Christ. Now, what do we see in this beautiful mountain range or sunrise of Christ's character that should fill us with admiration and worship?
- B. The first thing we see out of this window is the beauty/glory of His power. Vs. 18.
1. *"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."* (Matthew 28:18, ESV)

2. Oh for the ability to tell you what this means! He has all authority! IE. If I held in my hand a balance scale and I put all the power and authority of all the nations of the earth onto one side and on the other I put the power and authority of Jesus Christ, the weight of Christ's authority would drop the scale so fast it would sling the others into oblivion!
 3. Jesus has absolute authority over lives, our choices, our decisions. He decides what we are to think, know and believe. Our opinion counts for nothing. He is the Christ and He is our King! *"If you do not bow and worship him and trust him and obey him, you commit high treason against Christ the King, who is God over all."* J. Piper. He rules over our lives, our homes, our marriage, our children are His, our vacation is His, our bodies are His! He is God!
 4. So if you 'pull the shade' on who He is you are in danger of being in the dark, separated from God for all of eternity. If you pull the shade of indifference to the risen Christ and close the shutters of half heartedness to the One who reigns supreme, you will be ashamed on that day. And you will appear on that day as supremely blameworthy and infinitely foolish, and you will remember this sermon and weep that you did not change.
 5. He has all authority on earth and in heaven. *"Jesus, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him."* (1 Peter 3:22, ESV)
 - a) The angel who descends to the tomb on resurrection day comes with earthquake and lightning, demonstrating power release as the Son of God is raised to life again!
 - b) Mt 26:53, He could have called 12 legions of angels to deliver Him but He did not.
 - c) All the cosmic activity of stars falling, no need of sun and moon, all confirm He has all power and authority on earth and in heaven. The beauty of His power.
- C. As we continue to look out the window of Mt 28 we see the beauty/glory of His kindness.
1. We see His kindness first in vs. 5 when the angel comes and says to the women, *"Do not be afraid."* And then... *"Go tell His disciple He will meet them in Galilee."* Vs 8 says, *"they ran with fear and joy."*
 2. Then they run into Jesus and He stops them. Why? I believe it is His kindness! Oh, to be stopped by Jesus, just to see His kindness! It does something to the human heart to see the kindness of the living God. He is the God who celebrates our joy and our obedience (they obeyed the angel).
 3. The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid." But Jesus said to the women, *"Rejoice!"* "Be happy!" vs 9
 4. The angel said to the women, "Go tell the disciples." But Jesus said to the women, *"Go tell my brothers!"* vs 10 And these are the words of Jesus to His disciples...the ones who deserted him...the ones who fled in His hour of greatest need. Have you ever deserted Jesus? Come with a heart of faith and come with a heart of repentance and He will call you brother, sister, friend.
 5. You will hear from Jesus, *"Rejoice, and do not be afraid!"* That is His kindness.
- D. The next thing we see out of the window of Mt 28, is the beauty/glory of Christ's purpose.

1. In order to admire and to worship the risen Christ, we have to see that his power and kindness have a purpose and goal. You can't admire someone who does not know where he is going. IE. The Olympic athletes, easy to admire. You just have one look at their lives and you can see where they are going. How many people can you point at and say, "There is a life that is unwaveringly devoted to one great goal"?
 2. *"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ...,"* (Matthew 28:18-19, ESV)
 3. Jesus empowers us to make His authority known in every nation! Every community! Every neighborhood! Make disciples!
- E. If we are to be true worshippers we have to see Jesus power, His kindness and His purpose! It is definitely what we see of Jesus in the Book of Revelation: His power, His kindness and His purpose. It lead those who believe to worship.

Conclusion:

- Do you not hunger to admire such a Person? Infinite power! Immeasurable kindness! Unswerving purpose! Perhaps your appetite for His beauty is just beginning. If so, confess the blindness and dullness of your heart. Set yourself on the road of faith and obedience and expect Him to meet you on the way.
- When the women met Him they worshiped Him. For they realized His power over death hell and grave. And they received His kindness in the way He welcomed them. They obeyed, for He had full filled His purpose and now empowered them to join Him in telling others.
- When the disciples saw Him they worshiped. For they realized His power over death hell and grave. And they received His kindness in the way He welcomed them. Yet some doubted...but He continued in His kindness until they believed and they all followed in His purpose.