

Getting Started

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Word

Read aloud Exodus 20:4-6

1. It's difficult to see ourselves as idol worshipers but the truth is that everyone worships something or someone. A god is what we sacrifice for and what we pursue. Spend time walking through these categories and be honest about what god/idol might be occupying your heart. (These are taken from Kyle Idleman's book "Gods at War").

- **What disappoints you?** When we feel overwhelmed by disappointment, it's a good sign that something has become far more important to us than it should be.
- **What do you complain about the MOST?** What we complain about reveals what really matters to us. Whining shows what has power over us.
- **Where do you make financial sacrifices?** Where your money goes shows what god is winning your heart. If a stranger looked through your bank statements and credit card bills, what would they see as most important to you?
- **What worries you?** Whatever it is that wakes you or for that matter keeps you up, has the potential to be an idol.
- **Where is your sanctuary?** Where do you go when you're hurting? Where we go says a lot about who we are.
- **What infuriates you?** Maybe your quick temper reveals the oldest idol of them all, the god of me.
- **What are your dreams?** Aspirations are fine, but the question is why you aspire to those things. Is your motivation to give God glory or is your motivation your own glory, fame, and fortune.

2. Read Joshua 24:14-15. Why do you think Joshua gave them three choices? Why do you think it is important that we have to make a choice?

3. Read Joshua 24:19-20 & Exodus 20:5-6. Why might the jealousy of God be included in this commandment as well as Joshua's address to his people?

4. The ultimate path away from a false god is the path towards a true one. How can you start making a change today to dethrone some of the idols in your life?

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Prayer

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Sermon Notes

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2. How might obeying commandment number two help us with all the rest of the commandments?

“One of our problems in identifying the gods is that their identities not only lack the usual trappings of religion; they are also things that aren’t even wrong. You could be serving something that is, in itself, very commendable. It could be family or career. It could be a worthy cause. You could even be feeding the hungry and healing the sick. All of those are good things. The problem is the instant something takes the place of God, the moment it becomes an end in itself rather than something to lay at God’s throne, it becomes an idol. When someone or something replaces the Lord God in the position of glory in our lives, then that person or thing by definition has become our god.”

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