

OPENING QUESTIONS

What constitutes an idol? What are some of the prevalent idols of our day? How would you define the word “worship”? How easy is it to be seduced into worshipping the idols of our day?

READ TOGETHER

To begin our study, read through **Deuteronomy 4**. As you read, remember that you are reading the words of a sermon Moses “preached” to Israel as they stand on the verge of entering the Promised Land.

BIG IDEA

Your life is only as big as your god. Do you want a “big G” life, or a “little g” life?

GOAL

Our goal in this study is to understand how essential and possible it is for us to defeat the idols that try to steal God’s place of supremacy in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Look at Deuteronomy 4:15-19. Moses’ caution is to “Be very careful!” What was he cautioning us to be careful of? How could we, in our day, make idols? What might those idols be? How do you think making idols corrupts us?
- 2) Read Deuteronomy 12:30, 31. How could we fall into the trap of worshipping the idols of those around us?
- 3) Read 4:23-28. What would the outcome of worshipping idols be in the lives of the people of Israel? Does this apply to us today? If so, why? If not, why not?
- 4) How does worshipping the idols diminish our lives and our testimony of God’s glory?
- 5) How does giving God his rightful place expand our lives and bring glory to God?
- 6) Use these questions to diagnose the existence of idols in your life:
 - a. What or who do I believe is the source of my joy?
 - b. To what or to who do I look for provision?
 - c. Who do I love most deeply?
- 7) Read 4:29-31. How do we return to God if there are idols in our lives?
- 8) The idols in our lives are destroyed when we focus our worship and attention on Jesus; seeking him above all things. What would seeking Jesus with all our hearts look like?

CHALLENGE

This week take the time to occasionally ask yourself the questions: *What or who do I believe is the source of my joy and provision? Who do I love most deeply?* Having honestly answered, profess your love for Jesus and invite him to take the place of supremacy in your heart.



PRAYER

Take time to pray as a group for one another about this issue of idols. If you're comfortable, share an idol you want to see removed from your life.

NEXT STEPS

This week ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to ways you are being seduced to worship idols. Take time to imagine how grand your life will be with God in His rightful place!