



Idols of the Heart

*Valuing Jesus Above All
Living His Mission in All*

An idol is that which you place above God in your heart & life. These 10 texts explore the most common things we are prone to covet to our detriment, even destruction. Instead - "Earnestly covet the greater gifts!" And He will show you a more excellent way.

Connect & Review - (Do two or three questions each week)

What are you thankful for this week?

What difficulties have you faced this week?

How did you apply what Jesus taught you from his word last week?

Did you share what you learned with anyone?

How do you sense that God is at work in your life?

PRAY briefly

Read the Passage

Have someone read the passage aloud.

Clarify, retell what happens in the passage.

Discover and Explore God's Word

What did you like, what surprised you, what confused you?

What does this passage tell us about: God, people, relationship between God and people?

Can we see Jesus in our passage, or our need for Jesus?

Believe, Repent, Change

How does this passage change how you view God, yourself, or other people?

If I believe this and take it seriously, what would I need to change in my beliefs, attitudes, and actions?

What can I praise God for showing me in this passage?

Prayer response

What needs can I/we meet this week?

Who could I tell this to?

Who can I be praying for? Specifically those who don't yet trust in Jesus.

Week 1 Galatians 1:1-10, John 12:41-43 *Approval and Acceptance*

Week 2 Isaiah 45:9-13, James 4:13-15 *Control and Power*

Week 3 Luke 9:23-26, Proverbs 21:25-26 *Comfort and Ease*

Week 4 Matthew 6:19-24, I Timothy 6:9-10 *Wealth and Success*

Week 5 Matthew 10:34-39, Psalm 146:3-5 *Relationships*

Week 6 John 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:5-6 *Self-Reliance*

Week 7 I Timothy 6:17-19, Psalm 20 (esp. vs.7) *Security*

Week 8 Luke 8:9-15 (esp.14), 2 Timothy 3:2-4, Psalm 16:11 *Pleasure*

Week 9 Jeremiah 9:23-24 Romans 12:14-18 *Being Right*

Week 10 I Samuel 16:6-8, I Timothy 4:8, Proverbs 31:30 *Appearance*