

# Sermon Discussion

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**DEEPER DIVE?** Read the following chapters from the book, Gospel Treason:  
Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2

**Study Guide on Gospel Treason from [bradbigney.com](http://bradbigney.com)**

**Conversation starters:** What is one thing that really makes you happy? Have you ever considered that one thing as possibly too important?

**Outline (refer to online sermon outline for supporting verses and notes)**

- I. Idolatry is a Constant Threat Because We're So Prone to Gospel Drift (Hebrews 2:1)
- II. Idolatry is Alive and Well Today Even Though it's Rarely Spoken of in Christian Circles
- III. The Reason Idolatry is So Pervasive is Because It's So Illusive – It Flies Under the Radar
- IV. If You'll Dig Deep Enough, Idolatry is Almost Always the Sin Beneath the Sin

**Sermon Discussion:**

1. If you don't get the things that make you happy, or makes you feel good/content, are you unhappy? How does that unhappiness manifest itself?
2. Why are idols or idolatry spoken so rarely about today in Christian circles?
3. What is a big focus among Christians, that actually may be good to be concerned about or to give focus, but are possibly a drift from the gospel and an abandonment of "first love"? (Rev 2:2-4)
4. How often do you consider that you may have a blind spot to something idolatrous in your life? Because it is so illusive and pervasive, we need help seeing those things. Do you have anyone who is helping you see potential idols in your life? Why is that dangerous in itself? (hint: pride)
5. Complaining is a symptom of having idols. Where are you complaining the most?
6. What do you want that leads to your complaining? Do you want what you want, or do you want Christ's lordship over your life? What do you fear? What do you tend to worry about?
7. What do you pray for that's less about God being glorified but more about you getting or seeing happen what you think is best (for you or others)?
8. Prayer time: Give focus to Psalm 139:23-24 that God will search our hearts.

**Definition:** *An idol is anything or anyone that begins to capture your heart, mind, and affections more than God.* (consider memorizing it together as a CG, reciting it at meetings)