

Sermon Discussion

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DEEPER DIVE? Read the chapters 3 & 6 from the book, Gospel Treason.

Study Guide on Gospel Treason from 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 False Worship – so it Flies in the Face of God.
- II. Idolatry is Rooted in the Desire of Your Own Heart – so there’s No One to Blame but You.
- III. Idolatry is Just a Shallow Substitute for Christ – that Always Leave You Thirsty and Looking for More.
- IV. Idolatry Requires a Specific Plan of Action & Repentance – Because It’ll Never Go Away on its Own.

Sermon Discussion:

1. On a scale of 1 (not at all) to 10 (couldn’t be better), how would you rate your satisfaction in life right now? Why?
2. What do you think the relationship is between our idols and our sense of God’s presence in our life?
3. Think back on times in your life when you said “I’ll be sure to never let that happen to me,” or “I definitely want to be a better _____ than that.” What good intention(s) have you committed to that could be ascending to the throne of your heart as an idol(s) in your life?
4. Who are you tempted to blame for sins and idols in your life? Why?
5. What were the circumstances surrounding the last time you experienced inordinate anger, exaggerated pride, or debilitating fear?
6. Why do we prefer to live on substitutes that never leave us satisfied?
7. Ask God to show you who or what your idols are.
8. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 – “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

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)