Week 1 Handout– The Root of the Problem

What am I worshiping?

Primary texts: Romans 1:25; James 1:13–18
Supporting texts: John 8:34–36; Titus 2:11–14

Big idea: Enslaving sin grows as we pursue created things above God, but Jesus offers forgiveness and freedom to follow Him.

1. Recognize the Exchange – Romans 1:25

1. God created me to worship and serve _____.

2. Sin exchanges the Creator for something _____.

2. Recognize the Progression – James 1:13–15

3. Temptation appeals to the _____ within me.

4. Sin promises satisfaction but produces _____.

3. Recognize the Deliverer – John 8:34–36

5. Lasting freedom begins with _____.

Personal reflection:
"When _____ happens, I tend to pursue _____ because I want _____."

Take-home questions

1. What does your recurring habit promise to give you?
2. When does that promise seem especially convincing?
3. What have you been willing to neglect or disobey to obtain it?
4. How does Christ offer hope beyond your ability to control yourself?

Application ideas

- Read James 1:13–18 on three separate days.
- Record three moments of temptation: circumstance, desire, response, consequence.
- Tell a trusted believer one specific area in which you need prayer and help.