

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

Four helps to living free from idolatry

- 1. You must recognize the danger (vv. 1–11)*
- 2. You must heed the warning (v. 12)*
- 3. You must trust the promise (v. 13)*
- 4. You must flee the opportunity (v. 14)*

1. Thinking back to the definition of an idol “It is a false trust or false love in your heart” it would be prudent to list as many areas we can to identify potential idols in our lives.
2. After having identified a list, though albeit not complete, in ways we have idols in our heart, how are you making preparation to both flee (1 Cor. 10:14) and guard against them (1 John 5:21)?
3. Are there any places in your life where you have gotten casual about idolatry? If so, what would be the ways you have taught yourself to think or actions you have done which have fostered an unbiblical response towards idols? For example, pastor Jake said one way we fail here is by thinking “we have it all under control”.



4. Knowing God has left us His promises is not enough, and we must take it a step further and believe in the promises he has told us (Heb 11:1, 6). What promises do we have from this passage which help us flee idolatry? Are there any other passages which come to mind which strengthen you in the fight against the sin of idolatry?

5. The scriptures are not silent on the matter of "examples". The Israelites disobedient example was recorded for our instruction so that we would not crave evil things (1 Cor. 10:6, 11). Furthermore, Paul tells the Philippian church to follow in his example (Phil 4:8-9) and that the elders of the church are to be examples to the flock (1 Pet 5:3). Have you stopped to consider what kind of example you are being to all that are watching you? Both believers and unbelievers? In the home and out of the home? Would you be able to say, like Paul, "follow me as I follow Christ" with a clean conscious? (1 Cor 4:1-5)