

Drifting From God... The Causes and The Cures

The Subtle Attraction of Idolatry

Study questions for the week of September 20-26, 2026

Getting Started

Take a few minutes in your group to share what you believe are some of the first symptoms leading up to drifting from God? Also, in reviewing the three levels of drifting, what are they?

Digging Deep

1. In the Old Testament, the ancient Israelites were most often drifting away from the Lord to worship idols. What is the attraction of idolatry?
2. According to Exodus 20:3–6, and 34:12-14, what is God’s word to us on idolatry? Why do you think he is so against it?
3. What can we learn about Israel’s attraction to idolatry from Jeremiah 1:16 and Isaiah 2:6–8?
4. The prophet Isaiah makes compelling points about idolatry in Isaiah 44:9–20 and 40:18-20. What do you feel are those compelling points?
5. In Tim Keller’s book “Counterfeit gods,” he says, “An idol is anything more important to us than God, that absorbs our heart and imagination.” What do you feel are the top idols in the church today among believers?
6. From 1 Timothy 6:6-7, what is one of the cures for idolatry?
7. How would you define godliness and where does it come from? How do we grow into godliness?
8. Can you think of a time in your life where you were very content? What was it about that season that led to your contentment.
9. Take time to pray for one another to deepen our pursuit of Godliness and Contentment.