



ACTS

the story of the Church

Sermon Guide

WEEK 14

THE THINGS WE WORSHIP

Read: Acts 17

Consider:

Idolatry is defined as looking to other things besides God to provide ultimate fulfillment in our lives. As sinful beings who live in a broken world, whether we know it or not, it's easy to let idolatry consume our being. When we forget our identity in Christ as sons and daughters of the Most High King, we slip into believing created things can bring us the same fulfillment as the Creator. In Acts 17, Paul confronts the idolatry of Athens and attempts to shed light on this issue. We hope to address the same.

Engage:

1. What are your first thoughts when you think about idolatry in America?
2. What are the idols in your life? Where do you find your fulfillment? Your significance? Your joy? Your hope? Your satisfaction? What brings you dignity?
3. Why do you worship these things?
4. Will you find your fulfillment in WHO you are? Will you quit looking to these idols for ultimate fulfillment?

Practice:

1. Identify the idols in your life (something you look to for great fulfillment ie. food, drink, sports, band, person, money, reputation, status, etc.)

2. Once you have identified this “idol,” put together a plan for how you can lay this idol at the feet of Jesus (see a few examples below).

Food - Fasting

Sports - Abstain from sports for a period of time

Money - Donate/Give

3. During this letting go or laying down process, journal about the weakness or inner tension happening in this process.

Apply:

1. Remind yourself of where your ultimate fulfillment comes, and write down 5 scriptures that identify WHO you are and WHOSE you are.

Ask:

Did last week’s sermon bring any questions to mind? Discuss with your group. Someone else might have had the same question or know how to answer yours! Still have questions? Feel free to reach out to Dominique at dominique@hopefellowshipknox.com.

WHO ARE YOU INVITING TO CHURCH THIS WEEK?