



Family Memory Verse

"For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened...They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator."

Romans 1:21, 25

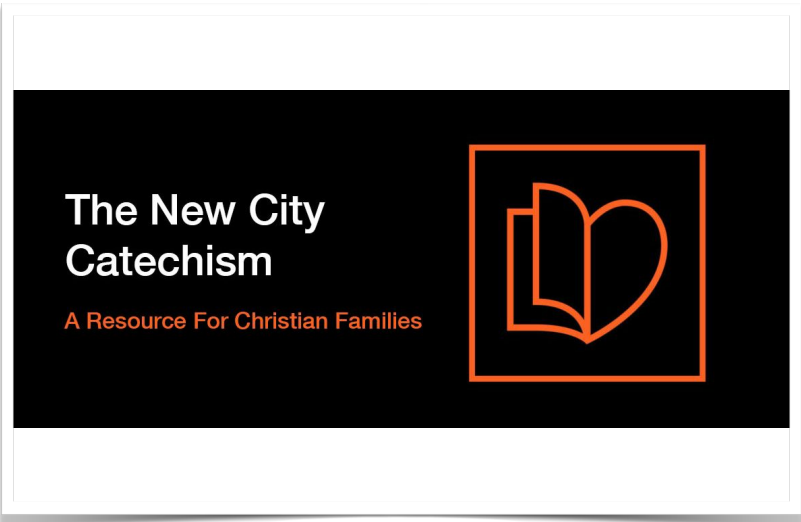
Question & Answer

What is idolatry?

"Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator."

Big Idea

Idolatry is loving something in the created world more than the Creator.



Family Discipleship

1. As a family, read Romans 1:18-25.
2. In the Bible, we see examples of people turning away from God to worship idols instead. They rejected God, the Creator, in favor of something created.
3. Nowadays, people may not worship things like a golden calf, but they still many times worship something created rather than the Creator. Can you think of examples where this happens?
4. What does it mean to "worship" something? (It means to let our hearts dwell on it more than anything else because of its worth to us).
5. Idols are the object of a person's affections. It will be what they spend their money on or where they spend their time. It will be where people turn to when they feel sad or lonely or worried. People trust idols to make them feel better and happy. What are some examples in your life of this?



As A Group...

1. Spend time praying for one another.
2. Encourage and hold one another accountable in the area of having a personal quiet time.
3. Talk about each member's "one" friend or family member who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them by name and encourage and hold one another accountable to share the gospel or offer an invitation to the "one."
4. As a group, plan an activity that you can invite unchurched neighbors to so that you can get to know the people around your group.
5. As a group, encourage and hold each other accountable in the area of serving. Where is each member serving in the body of Christ and the kingdom?

Discussion Questions

1. As a group, read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15.
2. What opportunities did you have this week to live out generosity?
3. Over the last 3 weeks as we have seen the HEART of generosity, the QUALITIES of generosity, and the BLESSING of generosity, what has God done in your heart?
4. In 2 Corinthians 9:1-15, Paul writes about the "principle of abundance." The more we live generously the more God trusts us with. He gives lavishly so we will give lavishly. How have you seen or experienced this in your life?
5. In chapters 8 & 9, we also see the blessing of being a blessing to others. God uses us to be a conduit of His grace to other people. How have you experienced this in your life and would you say that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive?
6. Have you been on the receiving end of someone's generosity? What did that person's generosity do to your relationship with them?
7. How did you respond to God when you experienced generosity?
8. How are you striving to live more generously?

