



*The*  
**heart** *of*  
**worship**

**small group leader guide**

***week one***

**We're All Worshiping Something**

## ***BIG IDEA***

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**We all worship something.**

## ***GETTING STARTED***

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**Have you ever gone to a party  
and realized you were not welcome?**

Tell us about it.

Have you ever wondered if God felt like that on Sunday morning? We all worship something, but is it God, ourselves, or something else? In this series, we will study what the Bible says about the heart of our worship.

**LEADER: PLAY THE VIDEO FOR WEEK ONE.**

## ***LEARN***

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- **When you hear about idol worship, what comes to mind?**

Ask a volunteer to read the second of the 10 commandments in Exodus 20:4-5.

What is the main idea of this command?

Ask someone to rephrase these verses.

## ■ What is idolatry?

“An Idol is anything that takes your heart from God and that you value more than God.”

Pastor Tony

## ■ What are some counterfeit idols?

Ask a volunteer to read 1 John 2:15-16.

What is the command in this verse?

How can *desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes,* and the *pride of life* become idols in our lives?

Pastor Tony mentioned three categories of idol or self-worship: **Possessions, Prestige, and Pleasure.**

Let's take a closer look.

Ask a volunteer to read Matthew 6:24 and 2 Timothy 3:2-4.

What do these passages have to do with self-worship?

Which of these idols are you most susceptible to?

## ■ What does your heart desire?

Ask a volunteer to read Matthew 22:36-40.

Jesus distilled the Law and the Prophets into two commands, what are they?

How is it possible to say we love God while we worship ourselves?

## APPLY

Pastor Tony asked four questions to help diagnose what we are worshipping.

- 1 › What disappoints you the most?
- 2 › How do you spend most of your money?
- 3 › What do you worry about the most?
- 4 › What do you dream or fantasize about the most?

*Which of these questions is most convicting to you?*

What are some steps you will take this week to put God in His rightful place in your life?

*Father, we are so quick to get our eyes off of You and on just about anything else. Thank You for Your conviction. Please forgive us. We are too easily distracted. Keep our hearts tender toward Your Spirit.*



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