

Weekend Message Questions

The Weight We Carry

10/03-10/04

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

What is your favorite movie in which the hero takes things into their own hands to make something right?

BIG IDEA: The weights of the people...part 2

READ Exodus 19:1-9

What are your observations about this passage?

In what ways have you experienced God in a similar way?

READ: Exodus 32:1-6

What is different in this passage than what you read in Exodus 19:1-9?

Have you ever been frustrated with God's timing so you decided to take matters into your own hands?

READ: Exodus 20:1-4

Idolatry: the departure from the leadership and worship of God to the leadership and worship of something or someone else.

Have you struggled to trust God like the Israelites in Exodus 32:1?

How might someone take matters into their own hands instead of trusting God: in their marriage, job, finances or friends?

Idolatry can set in when we get impatient with God's timing.

How is what the Israelites were doing in Exodus 32:4-5 counter to what we read in Luke 9:23-25?

What does it mean to live in this world, but not be of this world?

What are things people make into idols that can be difficult to recognize?

A "both-and" kind of worship is always idolatry.

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What does God's Word have to say about living life our own way according to Romans 6:12-13 & Galatians 5:19-21?

The decision to live outside of God's word is always a sign of idolatry.

Is there a specific area of your life in which you need to seek God's leadership over your own?

DIY: Reflect and Respond:

1. Are there areas you have grown impatient with God and His timing and you're tempted to step out on your own? – Stop, pray, and surrender.
2. Are you living as if worship is a "both-and" kind of lifestyle? – Stop, pray, and surrender.
3. Are you willfully living in sin? Stop, repent, and surrender.

PRAY

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