

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *ONE Lord*

So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. - 1 Corinthians 8:4-6 (NIV)

Discussion

1. An idol is anything that receives worship other than the One. What are some modern-day idols that receive people’s praises more than God? How can you identify idols in your own life?
2. Read Matthew 7:21-23. Simply saying, “Jesus is Lord” does not make him your master. Also, using Jesus’ name to cast out demons and give prophecy is not the same as Jesus knowing you or you knowing him. What are some ways in which people say “Jesus is Lord” today but still may not be known by him? Describe the difference between simply calling Jesus “Lord” and doing the will of the Father.
3. Paul was in prison when he wrote his letter to the Ephesian church. From Ephesians 4:1 he says he is a prisoner in the Lord. Why does Paul choose to play on those words describing his relationship with Jesus in that way? What can learn from Paul’s relationship with Jesus about loyalty and faithfulness?
4. In order to be a good leader you must be a good follower. From Ephesians 4:2-3 what makes a good follower of Jesus and why are these attributes essential for living a life worthy of the calling you have received?
5. How does the experience of baptism (Galatians 3:26-28) and serving the one Lord Jesus Christ help give the church its shared identity, ethics, and values?

Application

6. What do you worry about the most? What do you find yourself longing for more than any other thing? What is an item or ambition that if you lost it or failed would be devastating to you? How might these things become idols in your life?
7. Read Philippians 2:9-11. You were called to One Lord. Pray that you would always bend your knee to Jesus and confess his name above all other names. Pray that Jesus breaks the bondage of any idols in your heart.

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