

Micah & The Levite: Homemade Religion

False Religion _____ in the Heart

False Religion _____ False Teachers

False Religion _____ False Victories

False Religion _____ Many

NOTES: _____

Group Questions

1. Micah's "homemade religion" began in his own house. What are some small ways spiritual compromise can begin in our hearts or homes today?
2. John Calvin said, "*The human heart is a perpetual idol factory.*" What are some modern "idols" (good things turned ultimate) that can quietly take God's place in our lives?
3. [Galatians 1:10](#) challenges us to seek God's approval rather than man's. Where do you find it hardest to live for God's approval alone?
4. How can we tell the difference between a faith that is genuine and one that is merely "homemade"—built around comfort, culture, or convenience?
5. In [Judges 17](#), the Levite accepts Micah's offer for selfish reasons. How can we guard ourselves from leaders or teachings that tell us what we *want* to hear rather than what we *need* to hear?
6. [James 1:22](#) warns against deceiving ourselves by hearing without doing. What are some ways we can make sure our obedience keeps pace with our knowledge of God's Word?
7. The tribe of Dan used religious language ("inquire of God," "go in peace") to justify their disobedience. In what ways might we use spiritual language to cover up a lack of true surrender?
8. [Judges 18](#) shows how sin became a system—the idols lasted for generations. What are some ways we can help ensure faithfulness is what passes down in our families or church, not compromise?
9. I said, "*The danger of religion is that it can make you feel close to God while keeping you far from Him.*" How can someone tell when their spiritual activity is drawing them to God—or merely keeping them busy?
10. In conclusion I stated, "*True worship begins not with our preference but with His presence.*" What would it look like for our church—or for you personally—to make worship more about God's presence than personal preference?