



IDOLATRY

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MAIN POINT: We should keep ourselves from idols.

KEY IDEAS:

- Our hearts are like factories, constantly producing idols.
- Recognise the range and width of areas where we can fall into idolatry.
- Allow the Word of God to search our hearts.
- Abide in Christ and focus on God's amazing grace.

FELLOWSHIP STARTERS:

Truth Reigns...

1. How have you got a clearer understanding of where idolatry exists in you life?

Humility Grows...

2. Use the following questions by David Powlison to assess where specific idolatry exists in your life. Ask others for their observations:

- a. What do you love?
- b. What do you desire/want/crave/lust for?
- c. What do you seek/aim for/pursue? What are your goals and expectations?
- d. What do you fear?
- e. What do you *think* you need?
- f. Where do you find safety/refuge/pleasure?
- g. What/whom do you trust?
- h. Whose opinions of you counts? Whose approval do you seek? Whose rejection do you fear?

Prayer Covers...

3. Pray that you would grow in discernment and become more aware of idolatry in your life and pray for God's grace to put it to death by abiding in Christ.

Encouragement Flows...

4. Share one specific area of idolatry with someone else and pray together. Follow up with the person who shared with you and seek to encourage them by highlighting an evidence of God's grace in their battle against sin in this area.