



Idols

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Reflect + Discuss

- Share about a time when the anticipation/expectation of something didn't live up to the actual thing/experience (ex. a gift, a trip, special event, etc.)
- What things in your life are most important to you? Does the way you spend your time, money, or other resources reflect those priorities?
- Read Exodus 20:1-5 and 32:1-4 The Israelites violated the first commandments before Moses could even get them down from the mountain setting a pattern that would be repeated consistently throughout the life of the nation. What are the consequences for the people and the mission that God has given them?
- Read Matthew 22:35-38. What did Jesus think about the 1st Commandment? Why?
- Judging from where you spend your time, money, and emotions, what are some idols in your life?
- What are the consequences of looking to things, habits, and people instead of God? How have you seen this play out in your life? How might you build practices into your life that keep God as the main thing?

Dig Deeper

- Go through Tim Keller's [20 questions to help identify idols in your life](#):
- Watch Tim Keller's [sermon conclusion on this topic](#).
 - o What does he say is the antidote to idolatry?

Pray

- Plan a time and commit to pray about the things that function as an idols in your life. Ask God to reveal the things that you put your hope or identity in that aren't Him and ask that he would show you the ways that He is the one you can put all your hopes in.

Next Steps

- Identify a spiritual discipline or disciplines that might help you root out idols in your life.
- Is there someone in your life who can help you identify idols in your life? Give them permission to share those things with you, and take time to process and pray.
- Check out the [Live this Book resource page](#) for more next steps and send your questions about the message to podcast@blackhawkchurch.org.