

Avoid Idolatry

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Ephesians 5:3-7

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) In its essence what is idolatry? What is an idol?

- 2) What kinds of things in your life compete with your love, devotion, confidence, trust, service, or obedience to God?

- 3) Pastor Jim said that the two most common idols in our world are money and sex. How have you seen this in other people (or yourself)? What forms of "worship" can these idolatrous pursuits take on?

- 4) What does it mean "not to be partners with them" (see also 2nd Corinthians 6:14-7:1)?

- 5) Pastor Jim talked about the difference between "associate" and "full" members in the community of idolaters. What did he say the difference was? How is the effect of idolatry different for full and associate members (see also Romans 6)?

- 6) Even though a Christian who participates in idolatry might not be eternally cut off from God, what might he or she experience as a result (see also Hebrews 12:4-11)? What might this "discipline" look like?

- 7) If you had a friend who was caught in this kind of idolatry, how would you counsel him? What kinds of things should he or she do to return to God (see also 1st John 1:9; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1st Chronicles 7:14)?

- 8) How can you as a small group better hold each other accountable for idolatry?