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Ice Breaker: Share one verse that impacted you from your personal Bible reading this week.

1. Idolatry is a heart issue and it stems from misplaced desire or seeking to satisfy a right desire in a false or wrong way.
 1. Silently read Colossians 3:5 to yourself a few times pondering the statement above.
 2. Together read Exodus 20:4-6 (Note that the Hebrew word translated “covet” simply means desire). See also Psalm 37:4; Deut 6:5; Isaiah 44:18-20.
 3. Describe what idolatry would look like in your heart based upon these texts.
2. God judges idol worshipers and he used Israel to accomplish this in the land of Canaan. He gave specific instructions to Israel and they were to drive out all idolators and to destroy any remains of their false religion.
 1. What reasons do you see for this specific requirement that they destroy all the high places and idols from the land? Consider verse 55 and Psalm 106:34-39.
 2. Considering this, what are the implications on Christians living in our own context? Consider 1 John 5:19-21; James 4:4; Col 3:1-6.
3. God directs Moses to warn Israel with these specific instructions. In a very basic sense, what is required for them to avoid the earthly calamity and final judgment of idolators?
 1. Consider Deut 4:10; Jer 23:16-20; Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:21; and James 1:22-25.
4. Together read/pray Psalm 139:23-24 and then silently consider the following questions to help discern what idols we are harboring in our hearts:
 1. Is there something for which I am willing to sin in order to get, or keep? (financial security, health, relationships, accomplishments, comfort, pleasure, etc.)
 2. What do I desire, seek, hope for, pursue in life?
 3. What do you pray for?
 4. Who’s approval do you seek and how do you get it?
 5. Do you have performance expectations of yourself or others that dramatically affect you?
 6. On your death bed, what would sum up your life as worthwhile?

Sermon Idea: “How we deal with the idolatry of our heart will determine the victory in which we live.”

- I. Victorious living requires removing the idols from our heart. (vv 51-54)**
- II. Refusal to eradicate the idols from our hearts invites calamity on our lives. (vv 55-56)**
- III. Believing the gospel is the only way to truly crush the idols in our heart.**