

Ten Commandments

You must not make idols



IN:

What associations do you have with the word idolatry?

If all people are built for worship, what does the society around us worship instead of God?

What stood out from the talk/video for you?

UP:

If idolatry is where something takes the place of God in the central position of our lives, how do we discern the things that have (or could) become idols for us?

What are the consequences of putting other things in God's place?

God describes Himself as jealous for our affection. Why do you think God is jealous? For His good or for ours?

'At the heart of almost all idolatry is something good, so complete rejection hurts us more than it hurts idolatry' (J. John). How do we keep a balance between avoiding idolatry and going to the other extreme of rejecting what brings us pleasure?

OUT:

How do we guard ourselves and others from idolatry?

How do we claim the idea that 'to worship God is to become liberated' (J. John)?

Pray together that we would be able to discern what the idols in our lives are (or could be) and how best to deal with them.

Pray for our society that it would recognise God's rightful place as the only one who deserves our worship.

BIBLE READING:

Exodus 20:4-6

4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Isaiah 44:9

All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.