



New International Version is used for questions

1. When God told the Israelites not to worship idols, what were the idols they worshipped? In our modern culture, what are the idols we worship? What makes something an idol?
2. Pastor Rick said that the desire to have personal control over everything in our lives is idolatry, do you agree? Why or why not? What do we do away with when we seek to control everything in our lives? What area of life do you tend to take control from God and try to manage yourself?
3. Read Romans 1:25. We tend to think of idols as being “evil” things, how can something that is actually a good thing become an idol? Give some examples.
4. Pastor Rick said that what we define ourselves as can become an idol, how does that work? What should we use as the basis for defining our identity?
5. Read Hosea 4:12 and James 4:4. How is the idolatry of loving the things of this world more than God a form of prostitution or adultery?
6. Read Psalm 62:5-8. Pastor Rick said that this passage explains four things that we need to depend on God for so that we do not erect idols in our lives, what were they?

modern culture are not actual images or things for the most part but the material possessions of this world or fame or popularity. An idol is absolutely anything that you place a higher priority on other than God.

2. *When we seek to control things in our lives, we do away with faith and trust in God for those areas.*
3. *Since an idol is anything that you put a higher priority on rather than God, then even things that are inherently good can become idols, like people or activities we participate in.*
4. *When you define yourself based on some characteristic or quality you have, then how people perceive you becomes the most important thing to you, you are more worried about what people think than what God thinks. We should define ourselves based on what God says about you and what He says is important in life.*
5. *Idolatry is placing something as being more important than God so in a spiritual sense, you are being unfaithful to God, you are “cheating” on him.*
6. *The four areas are: a. Our Peace; b. Our Security; c. Our Satisfaction in life and d. Our significance.*

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