



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: Respect What?

Scripture: Exodus 20:4-6

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## —[ LET'S TALK ]—

- Describe one of your favorite times of worship (personal or corporate).

## —[ LET'S WARM UP ]—

- What do you think it means to worship something or someone?
- What are ways the world worships idols like power, fitness, material things, etc.?
- Have you ever caught yourself worshipping an idol, when you thought you were worshipping God? Whether you have or not, what might that look like?

## —[ LET'S DIG | CHOOSE 1 ]—

- Read Romans 11:33-12:2 and talk about worship.
  1. According to these verses, what is worship?
  2. What might be some other ways to worship beyond singing?
  3. In what ways does Romans 11:33-36 set up chapter 12?
  4. How is 12:2 connected to worship? How does it connect to the issue of idolatry?
- Read Exodus 32:1-6 and talk about the deceptiveness and difficulty of idols.
  1. What really motivated the Israelites to create an idol?
  2. In the making of the idol, do they do anything that might be considered good if done for the real LORD?
  3. How do the Israelites worship the idol? What do you notice about the practices?
  4. Can you think of ways that we might be tempted to give idols credit for the things God has done?

## —[ LET'S ACT ]—

- Practice worshipping God! We often accidentally get stuck in the rhythm of just worshipping God on Sundays. From your discussion tonight, hopefully you've heard or thought of some different ways to worship God. Be intentional this week about worshipping God at a new time, in a new way, and/or in a new place. Pay attention to how your spirit reacts. Share about your experience with others!

—[ **SERMON REVIEW** ]—

- Scriptures referenced: [Ps 24:4; 31:6] - [Prov 4:23; 27:19] - [1 Jn 5:21]
- God deserves and desires an undivided heart of worship.
- The New Testament is clear that our beliefs on relationships, the poor, marriage, forgiveness, sex, money (and much more) should be distinctively different than the world around us.
- The tricky part about idols is that they often begin as positive things. They are people, objects, and activities in our lives that bring us joy, amusement, health, etc. But, they become idols when we give them more time, attention, money, and affection than they deserve.

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