**Fellowship CommUnity Group**

**Discussion Guide for Leaders**

*Series: no other gods*

*Sermon: We All Worship Something*

*5-12-19*

1. **Getting To Know Each Other** Ask everyone in the group to answer. Opening Question: **Share an upcoming trip or vacation you are looking forward to this summer.**

* **Opening Prayer**. (Either leader, host home or someone who is willing to pray out loud)

*(Notes from message for reference only – use only as needed)*

**\*\***Use Sermon notes bulletin insert

* **Two Creational Truths**
* 1) Humanity was created in the likeness of God.
* 2) Humanity was created and designed to worship God and God alone!
* **What Happened?** Humanity sinned and that sin corrupted our ability to display God’s likeness as glorious.

> Idolatry today is nothing more than the ongoing downward spiral of humanity continuing to act like God when in fact they are not God.

* W**hat is the problem that Paul is addressing here?**
* > Humanity has chosen to worship false images rather than the Creator God himself.
* **What was targeted**? Our hearts and our minds.
* > Humanity, the only creation created in the image of God, is commanded not to make an image of creation to worship.
* **Worship and Idolatry**
* 1) We are worshippers first and foremost, we all worship something, there is no possibility we will worship nothing. 2) Worship and service are inseparably bonded together – you will serve what you worship.
* **Idolatry and Worship**
* 1) We are either being molded into the image of an idol worshipper.
* 2) We are being molded into the image of Christ.

**Into The Text** (15 Minutes) (Leaders: This time is not meant to be application yet, this is time in the Word, before we seek to apply truth, we need to understand the truth. The section after this one will focus on application.)

1. Ask someone to read Genesis 1:26-27. *Ask: Why did God say ‘us’ in v26? What does it mean to be made in the ‘likeness of God’? What doesn’t it mean? Why did God give humanity dominion over all of the animals, birds and sea creatures of the earth? Why is that significant?*
2. *Ask*: *What did the serpent promise Adam and Eve if they ate of the fruit in Genesis 3? In eating of the fruit, what were Adam and Eve hoping for? Is that idolatry? How so?*
3. Ask someone to read Romans 1:21-23. *Ask: What problem is Paul describing in v21? What became futile? What became darkened? Why is the mind and heart so spiritually important? What were they worshipping in v23?*
4. Ask someone to read Romans 1:24-25. *Ask: According to v25, what did the people serve and worship? Who should they have worshipped?* *Why is it so offensive to God that we would choose to worship creation rather than the creator who is blessed forever?*

**Application & Discussion** (15-20 Minutes)

1. Say: **Let’s move to application and discussion**. *Ask: What are some current societal examples that prove we are all worshippers? Is it possible for an unbeliever or atheist to still worship something? How so?*
2. *Why do we always serve what we worship? How can this help you to better identify what you worship?*
3. *Can you give a personal example of a time you exchanged the truth about God for a lie?*
4. *Ask: How can it help you keep from idols to remember that you have been designed and created in the likeness of God? Why do we sometimes act as if we were not created in the likeness of God himself?*
5. *Ask: What are some ways that you allow yourself to be molded into an idol worshipper? How can you allow yourself to be molded into the likeness of Christ?*

**Closing Prayer Time**: (10-12 Minutes) **(Leader Say:**) Let’s close with a time of prayer. Let’s continue to ask God to reveal the idols of our heart to us, and let’s thank him for making us in his likeness. (*Ask someone to open, let people pray as they feel led, and then leader closes.)*