

Fifth Sunday Topical Teaching

Subject: Are You Worshipping More Than One God?
Joshua 24:15/John 4:23-24

1. According to Exodus 20:3, what is the "First Commandment" and what does it mean?
2. According to Tim Keller, author of *Counterfeit God*, an idol is anything more _____ to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give you.
3. According to Tony Evans, author of *U-Turns*, an idol is any _____ person, place, things, or thought which you look to in order to determine your decisions. Whomever, or whatever influences you to the degree of making the final decision in your life is an idol. If it's not the true, living God, then it's an idol.
4. Read Joshua 24:15 and discuss some modern day examples of idols that people worship in this present age.
5. According to scripture, is it possible that one can worship the true and living God while also serving modern-day idols? (Matthew 6:24/I Corinthians 10:21)

6. Explain Jesus' response to Satan when he tried to tempt Jesus to bow down and worship him in Matthew 4:8-11? In what way(s) is this verse still applicable to us in this present age?

7. What did God say would happen to the Israelites if their hearts were turned away and drawn to worship and serve other gods? (Deuteronomy 30:17-20)

8. Let's discuss four (4) questions to help identify whether or not you have idols or other gods in your life:

- A. *Are you willing to compromise your beliefs for it? (i.e., stealing, lying, cheating, etc.)*
- B. *Will you get angry if you can't do it or don't get it?*
- C. *Do you value "it" over people?*
- D. *Does it push you closer to God or pull you farther away?*

9. Does this teaching on "idols" mean that Christians are not allowed to enjoy their hobbies/interests, families, homes, cars, marriages, or even money/material possession which God has blessed us with?