



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Death in Idolatry

Remember this page is designed to begin a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.

Idolatry has wormed its way into our world with the pageantry of singing shows, the enthrallment of sports superstars, and the allure of faster phones. Go around and share some of the ways you've been tempted to "idolize" the things of this world?

As we talked about on Sunday, it's a funny thing that everyone ends their prayers with the phrase "in Jesus name." **READ: John 13:13-14; 15:7-8; 15:16; 16:23** - What does it mean to "ask in Jesus' name?" **READ: 1 John 5:14-15** - Why do you think John finds so much confidence in this promise? How do we apply this promise to unanswered prayers? How might it be possible that God will extend answers to prayers into eternity?

READ: 1 John 5:16 - Without bringing up more confusion, understand that John is talking about sins that Christians (who are forgiven) commit as contrasted with sins that non-Christians commit. Why is it futile to pray for a non-Christian to fix their sinful behavior? [Hint: Why didn't anyone try straightening a wall painting on the sinking RMS Titanic?] **READ: James 5:16** - What do these two passages teach us about our responsibility to one another in the church?

READ: 1 John 5:21 - Why is the warning of "idolatry" so powerful at the end of John's epistle? How would you explain "idolatry" as a kind of foundational or prime sin? What other Bible stories can you think of that illustrate the danger of "idolatry?" How are we deceived today to fail to recognize "idolatry" in the every-day occurrences of our modern world? Expand your answer as you **READ: Colossians 3:5**?

Our study concluded with 3 applications of protection from idolatry. Go through each one and highlight your own personal insights for how these practices help insulate you from the dangers of idolatry? Conclude your time with a transparency for prayer for one another?

1. Praying according to God's will
2. Praying with dependency upon God
3. Praying for each other in our common fight against sin