



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 6 Home Wreckers: Idolatry

READ: Joshua 24:14-18

1. Joshua calls God's people to choose whom they will serve. What does your daily schedule, spending, and priorities reveal about what sits on the throne of your heart and home? How does the gospel challenge those priorities?
2. Joshua says, "Fear the Lord." How is biblical fear different from being afraid of God, and how does the love of Christ free us to care more about God's opinion than the opinions of others?
3. The sermon described idols as good things that become God things. Which modern idol (comfort, success, sports, money, family, self, etc.) do you find most tempting, and why does it compete for your worship?
4. Israel remembered God's rescue from Egypt before recommitting themselves to Him. How does remembering what Jesus has done for us through His life, death, and resurrection strengthen our desire to serve Him faithfully?
5. Joshua says to "throw away the gods" that compete with the Lord. Is there anything in your life or family that may need to be removed, reduced, or reordered so that Christ can have first place?
6. The sermon emphasized that we must choose every day whom we will serve. What are some practical ways you can intentionally choose Jesus over your flesh this week, especially when obedience feels costly or inconvenient?
7. The gospel reminds us that Jesus perfectly feared, obeyed, and loved the Father on our behalf. How does knowing that Christ succeeded where we fail change the way you respond to conviction, repentance, and spiritual growth?

Application Question:

8. If someone observed your family for a month, what evidence would they see that supports the statement: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"? What might need to change for that declaration to become more visible?

Deeper Theological Questions

1. The sermon says that "our hearts are idol-making factories." Why do you think the human heart continually creates idols, and what does this reveal about our need for Christ? Read Romans 1:21-25. How does idolatry ultimately stem from worshiping created things rather than the Creator? Why is behavior change alone insufficient to solve the problem of idolatry?
2. Joshua commands the people to choose whom they will serve, yet the Bible teaches that salvation is ultimately the work of God's grace. How do human responsibility and God's grace work together in the Christian life? Read Philippians 2:12-13 and Ephesians 2:8-10. How does the gospel empower us to choose obedience without turning Christianity into legalism? What is the difference between serving God to earn His love and serving God because we have already received His love in Christ?

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Heart and Soul
 - Sunday, June 28th @ 5pm (Make up Session 1 @ 4pm)