

M O D E R N I D O L S

- Modern Idols -

Idolatry is when I take anything that isn't God and put it in the place where God belongs.

Ice-Breaker:

- Think about some of your favorite songs and discuss the ways that so many lyrics in popular songs make “love” an idol?

Discussion:

1. **Read Judges 16:1-22.** Romance and/or sex can quickly become an idol in our lives. These two women were not the first women in Samson's life.
 - Why is it so dangerous when romance and/or sex becomes supreme in a person's life?
 - Have you seen an over-infatuation with romance/sex lead someone away from the Lord? If so, explain.
2. **Read I Samuel 2:12-17, I Samuel 2:22-35.** The love of our children can become an idol in our life.
 - How did Eli honor his children above God?
 - What was the cost of this idolatry in Eli's life?
 - Have you seen people put such a priority on their children that the kids become an idol in their lives? If so, explain how and why you think this happens to people.
3. **Read Galatians 1:10, Galatians 2:11-14.** Loving the approval of other people can become an idol in our lives.
 - Why did Peter back away from the Gentiles once the Jews arrived?
 - How have you seen this tendency to love the approval of others get in the way of a person's commitment to God?
4. **Read Matthew 9:9-13.** Perfection can become an idol when people avoid the entanglements of love in the pursuit of the “perfect” person.
 - What does this verse teach about the brokenness of all people?
 - Why do you think some people are hyper-critical and judgmental?
5. **Read I Corinthians 13:4-7.** What is one aspect of love that you need to improve in your life?

Personal Application:

- Which potential love idol do you need to submit to God this week...?
Romance/Sex Children Approval Perfection?