

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. What aspect of the American Idol TV show do you enjoy?
2. Why is celebrity fame an idol for many? What are some other examples of modern idols?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Isaiah 44:9-11. What is God's verdict on idol makers and idolaters?
4. How do verses 12-20 mock idolatry?
5. Read Romans 1:22-25. What is the essence of idolatry? What is the good we give up and the supposed prize we receive?
6. Read Psalm 115:1-11. How are idols contrasted with God?
7. Read Isaiah 42:8 and Jeremiah 16:18. How can we expect God to respond to idolatry?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 10:14. What's the strategy? Why

would this ever be necessary?

9. Can you think of biblical examples of fleeing, failed or successful? (e.g.: salt pillar)
10. Read Philippians 3:10. How was Christ Paul's treasure? How does this help against idolatry?

LIVING IT OUT

11. Why do you think idolatry receives so little attention today?
12. We often hide our idols. What idolatrous desire could be lurking behind (1) an act of charity (2) a parent's act of discipline?
13. How could meditating on the Cross make us more sensitive to our idolatry?
14. Can you share an example where God exposed your idols through prayer or Scripture?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"This is what the Lord says...I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God."

- Isaiah 44:6

