

# Idols become gods

Just like the Israelites, there are lowercase-g gods all around us, influencing our priorities, our morality, even our eternity. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He wasn't just handing down a list of do's and don'ts, He was providing a plan to battle the lowercase-g gods in our lives.



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## INTRODUCTION

The Ten Commandments demonstrate God's fatherly love for us by helping us define our relationship with Him, obey Him, and worship Him properly. By keeping His commands and worshipping Him, we reciprocate His love and keep our focus on Him.

## STARTER QUESTION

1. Worship is the act of loving God back in action and attitude by keeping our focus on Him. What are some of the ways which you worship God in a typical week? Can obeying God's commandments be considered an act of worship?

## INTO THE WORD

2. Read Isaiah 42:5-9. Can it be said that if you break the Second Commandment, you are also breaking the first? Is idolatry a "slippery slope" that can lead us to sin even further? How so?
3. Read Ezekiel 14:3-7. According to the passage, what are the dangers of allowing idols into our hearts? What effect does this have on our relationship with God?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What are some gods that you have allowed into your life? What are some successful strategies you have learned for prioritizing time spent with God?

## APPLICATION

5. Pastor David said that God is not limited by time or space, and he wants to be involved in every part of our lives. How can we worship God in our everyday life (relationships, workplaces, communities, etc.)?
6. Throughout Scripture, we are told to trust in the Lord and find our satisfaction in Him. Consider a time when you have pursued idols because you questioned if God had your best interest in mind. Were the outcomes less than satisfying?
7. How can we replace the idols/gods we have allowed in our lives with worship that glorifies the one true God?

## PRAYER

Father God, Thank You for your commandments, which help us love and worship You while protecting our hearts from unfulfilling, worldly idols. We ask that the Holy Spirit guide us away from earthly things so that we may keep our focus solely on You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.