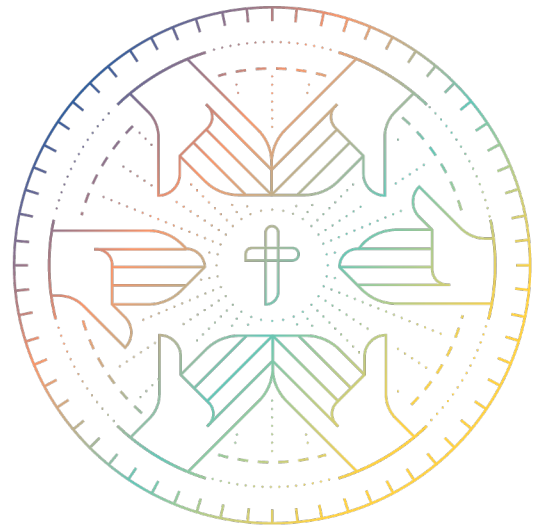


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Unlearned Wisdom: "Worship God, Not People"
Scripture Focus: Proverbs 29:25

ICEBREAKER

What's a New Year's resolution you have made in the past which you did not maintain, i.e. you quit?

INTRODUCTION

What stands out to you from Pastor David's message?

Read Proverbs 29:25. David said a resolution is a surface-level decision to change behavior, but a revolution involves a complete transformation of the heart and soul. Have you experienced both? Share your resolution or revolution experience with the group.

INTO THE WORD

Read 1 John 5:21. When the influence of people increases and the influence of God decreases, what tends to happen in our lives?

How do we recognize "drift" in our relationship with God? Have you ever experienced drift in your own relationship to God?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. How does the truth from this passage help us to shatter the idol of comfort?

Read Galatians 3:13. How does the truth from this verse help us to shatter the idol of approval?

Read Ephesians 5:20-21. How does the truth from this verse help us to shatter the idol of power?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:12-14. How does the truth from this passage help us to shatter the idol of control?

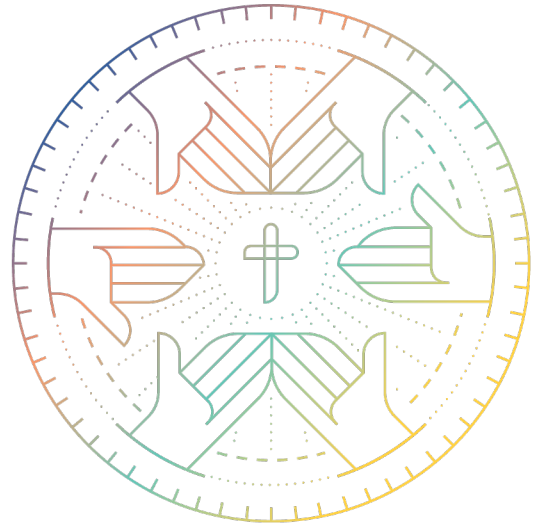
Read Ephesians 1:3-14. In what ways does this passage affirm the truth that we are safe because of our identity as a Christ-follower?

APPLICATION

Which of the four root idols resonates with your life right now? Why?

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David encouraged us to pray, “God, I love you more than anything in the world.” How can a growing affection for God (the Embody Essential of Worship) shatter the idols in our lives?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I do not want anything in my life or my heart, to cause me to drift away from loving You as I should. Give me wisdom and discernment to recognize any idolatry in my heart, especially the idols of comfort, approval, power, or control. Help me to recognize situations where I have given people around me too much influence over me. By Your grace, help me to grow in my affection for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Recommended Resources

Counterfeit Gods by Timothy Keller
Idols of the Heart and Vanity Fair by David Powlison
We Become What We Worship by G.K. Beale