

# Idols Series Overview

## Week 1: Vision [ Proverbs 20:5 ]

- Idols
  - May think of statues
  - Ezekiel 14- Idols in hearts
  - Idols inhibit our walk
  - Proverbs 20:5- We want to dwell on the surface- our heart is in deep waters
- Exodus 32- Golden calf
- Bringing God into focus
  - Putting idol as the focal point
- Romans 1- exchanging truth for a lie
- Idols are manifested in the waiting- Israelites waited for Moses
  - Waiting shows our deepest desires/wants
  - Reflect upon ourselves
  - Reflect upon God
- Hebrews 4- God is refining us
  - Let's have joy- trials bring us back to Him
- Ephesians 4:15- Speaking truth in love to build up
  - V. 20- Put off old self, and put on new self
- Takes a person of understanding to look inwardly

## Week 2 - Power [ Daniel 4 & Matthew 20:28 ]

- What is an idol?
  - Anything more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning in life, or identity
- What is flesh and what is Spirit?
- Proverbs 25- thoughts are like deep water
  - A person of understanding goes deeper
- We have surface idols- money, phone, image, popularity, etc.
- We are going deeper

## Power

- Root idol of power is not a position
- Life only has meaning/I only have satisfaction when I have success and influence over people
- Problem emotion: Anger
- People around me feel: Used
- Greatest Nightmare: Used
- I am willing to give up: being Burdened

## Daniel 4

### Week 3 - Comfort [ Philippians 4 ]

- Tendencies
  - Seek- privacy, lack of stress, joy and pleasure
  - Willing to give up- productivity
  - Greatest fear- being overwhelmed/stressed
  - People feel- neglected and isolated
  - Problem emotion- boredom and not being content
- Fix
  - Contentment in the Lord
  - How we understand end times affects how we live now
    - "I want to live comfortable now"
    - "I know I have heaven waiting so I will live uncomfortably now"

### Week 4 - Approval

- Lies Students believe
  - What I am is not enough
  - Rejection of people because we are following Jesus

### Week 5 - Control [ Genesis 22 ]

- God is all-powerful?
- Tendencies
  - Seek- certain mastery over your life

- Fear- uncertainty
- People feel- condemned
- Problem emotion- Anxiety/worry
- We do not have blind faith, but wrong faith will blind us
  - God is Just
  - Wrong faith
  - Learn from the past to know for the future