

IDOLATRY

Galatians 4:8-20

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE INEVITABILITY OF IDOLATRY
2. THE WAY TO BREAK FREE FROM IDOLATRY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. Paul is clearly exasperated in this passage of Galatians. The reason for his exasperation is the idolatry that is threatening to enslave a group of people he cares about. Pastor Ryan made the point that idolatry is inevitable. Much like the Romans and other polytheistic cultures, we still worship ideals. What replaces the gods in our culture? How does this impact us?
3. Paul warns the Galatians about falling back into idolatry even though they were actually pursuing a strict adherence to God's law. How is it that both trying to be a good person (moral conformity) and doing whatever you feel is right (self-discovery) lead to us being enslaved?
4. One skill we need in order to break free from idolatry is the ability to preach the gospel to our own hearts. What did you get from the illustration out of the book *Jane Eyre*? Do you know how to preach to your heart? What does it look like to grow in this skill?
5. One of the most crucial supports we need in order to break free from idolatry is a person ahead of us in the gospel who we can voluntarily make ourselves accountable to. Who is this person in your life? If you have someone like this, could you describe what that relationship is like? If you don't have someone, make a list of potential mentors and reach out to one of them this week.
6. One truth we need in order to break free from idolatry is the knowledge that God knows you. How do you know that you matter to God? What does this mean to you? How does it encourage you?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: When you realize how much you matter to God, your idols will stop mattering so much to you.