



# groups | DISCUSSION GUIDE

Gotta Serve Somebody

## WARM UP

**Are you a part of any fandom (the state or condition of being a fan of someone or something)?**

## SET IT UP

We have reached the pinnacle of Elijah's story. In this confrontation with the prophets of Baal, he shows the powerlessness of idolatry and false religion. Often, we are less like Elijah and more like the people of Israel, giving ourselves to false gods just about everyday. While our gods may not seem as mammoth and evil as Baal, they are just as destructive. But they rarely start out that way. Often times they start as "good" things that get out of control and out of proper perspective in our lives.

## CHAT IT UP

1. **When you hear the word "idol" what immediately comes to mind?**
2. **What are the most common idols of our culture today?**
3. **Tim Keller defines idolatry as "Anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God." How does that definition change your assumptions about idolatry?**
4. **Read Matthew 6:24. Why do you think Jesus is so direct and extreme in this verse?**
5. **Do you have another master? How much of a grip does it have on you?**
6. **Read John 3:16-17. What do these verses have to do with idolatry?** (Hint: we don't have to fear God when we fall to idolatry, God wants to restore our relationship because he loves us.)
7. **What step do you need to take this week to loosen the grip of the idols in your life?**

## WRAP IT UP

Just like the fire God sent Israel to show His heart for them, God sent Jesus to show His heart for us. And idol is anything we put in God's place. God pleads for us to turn from those idols because He knows how bitter and enslaving they are. Just like the Israelites repented when God sent the fire, thank God for sending His son, and repent of any idols today. Take some steps this week to snuff out the idols that may be in your life.