



# groups | DISCUSSION GUIDE

Affection Misdirection

WARM UP

**What is the first thing you do when you wake up?**

SET IT UP

When God gave his people the Ten Commandments, at the top of the list was this one: “You shall have no other gods before me.” In the ancient times, idolatry was obvious - they worshipped literal idols. But the gods they worshipped were always a means to an end. Various gods promised power, money, sex, family stability... that was what they were really after. The truth is, we worship the same things they did. Idols are not usually bad things, but good things that become god things.

CHAT IT UP

- 1. What do you spend more time on every week than you expected or planned to?**
- 2. What is different about idolatry from Bible times (when they literally worshipped constructed idols)? What is the same?**
- 3. Idolatry has been defined as “Anything you look to or depend on to give what only God can give.” How well does this definition align with your picture of an idol?**
- 4. Read Jeremiah 2:13-19. What stuck out to you from these verses?**
- 5. What was the consequence of Israel drinking from the wrong cistern? How can your story relate to that?**
- 6. Is there an empty cistern (idol) that you are trying to find satisfaction in that only God can give?**
- 7. Five questions were given to help diagnose idolatry in our lives. Take some time reviewing them and discussing which ones are most convicting to you and why.**
  - 1 - What are your dreams?**
  - 2 - What are your disappointments?**
  - 3 - Where do you run when you hurt?**
  - 4 - What makes you angry?**
  - 5 - What are you sacrificing for?**
- 9. What idol do you need to ask God to help you detach from?**

## WRAP IT UP

Spend some time praying as a group. Ask God to help you identify and destroy any idols. More importantly, ask God to help you replace that idol with the only thing that will satisfy - the living water of Jesus. Close out by reading Joshua 24: 14-15.

## LEADER TIPS

Print off the next page to give a visual aid when discussing question seven.

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