

1. Idolatry is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. I John 5:21

"You can't really break any of the other commandments without breaking the first one." - Martin Luther

## 2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by idol possibilities.

Any good thing can become a \_\_\_\_\_-thing.
Sex, Pleasure, Love, Money, Power . . . success, fame, career, politics, image, comfort, strength, intelligence, control, pleasure, beauty, self.

*"Every one of us, even from his mother's womb, is a master craftsman of idols."* - John Calvin

... But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. Joshua 24:15

## 3. Idols \_\_\_\_\_\_ us.

*They worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.* Psalm 106:36

Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. Psalm 115:8

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both **God and money**. Matthew 6:24

## 4. True worship \_\_\_\_\_ idols within us.

They worshiped the Lord, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought. Il Kings 17:33

. . . But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37-38

## Next Steps for July 3:

- □ Memorize the **14 words** of Exodus 20:3 & I John 5:21.
- □ Identify and renounce the idols in your life.
- $\Box$  Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.
- $\Box$  Sign up for a Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30 or 10:50 a.m.