

**What is
Idolatry?**

BUILDING BLOCKS

**Is Idolatry
Still a
Thing?**

Part 1

Idol. When you hear that word, what comes to mind? We know God warned his people about idols a long time ago. The Ten Commandments begin with...

"You shall have no other _____ before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved _____, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a _____ God..." (Exo 20:3-5)

...but is idolatry still a thing?

In **1 Corinthians 10**, Paul uses various scenes from the past to teach Christians. But in **verse 7**, he gives a warning for the present:

Do not be _____ as some of them were...

After emphasizing why we have the Old Testament writings (**10:11**) and encouraging us to be humble in the face of temptation (**10:12-13**), the warning is repeated in **verse 14**:

Therefore, my beloved, _____ from idolatry.

So what is idolatry? An **idol** is...

- Anything more _____ to you than God
- Anything you're _____ on for what only God can give
- Anything so _____ to you that, if you lost it, you're not sure life would still be worth living

Yes, idolatry is still very much a dangerous temptation.



For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's pick up where Jason left off and think through those three **An Idol Is** bullet points:
 - What does it look like to treat something or someone as more important than God?
 - What does it look like to depend on something or someone for things only God can give?
 - What sort of things do some treat as so precious that, if they lost them, they're not sure life would still be worth living?
- Why do you think God gave his people warnings like **Leviticus 26:1**?
- What can we learn from the warning in **Romans 1:18-25**?
- God described himself as "jealous" in **Exodus 20:5**. What does that mean?
- Why is idolatry still very much a danger to all of us?
- In **2 Corinthians 4:4**, who is the only "image" worthy of our worship and allegiance?