

May 25-26, 2024

## Opening Conversation Starters

- Share a meal together.
- Share an experience from your daily devotions (How is God at work in your life?)
- Share a takeaway from the Weekend Message (What has God been saying?)

## Discussion Questions from Weekend Message (To help you hear *and* practice)

- As we look at idolatry, describe any experiences you may have had with other religions that incorporate the worship of idols.
- Pastor Zach quoted the 2<sup>nd</sup> century theologian, Origen who defined idolatry as “What each one honors before all else, what before all things he admires and loves, this for him is God.” Does this make idolatry clearer? Why or why not?
- In Rooted, we learn that idolatry can come from selfishness, greed, apathy, pride, stubbornness, vanity, or materialism. The lie associated with it is, “If I just had a little more, I would be content.” When have you fallen for this lie?
- Read [1 John 5:21](#). Does this seem like an odd way to end this letter? Let’s explore some of the themes of 1 John.
- Read [1 John 1:1-3](#). How might this help in a culture where religious practices included the worship of tangible idols? Has it ever been hard for you to relate to a God you can’t see?
- Read [1 John 2:3-6](#). How does this make our relationship with Jesus more tangible?
- Read [1 John 2:15-17](#). How does this take us away from selfishness, greed, materialism, etc.?
- Read [1 John 4:9-12](#). How does understanding God’s love for you help you love other people? How does this help make our faith more tangible?
- Read [1 John 5:3-5](#). In what ways is “overcoming the world” like removing and replacing idols? How do these themes help make [1 John 5:21](#) more relevant?
- How do these themes help bring contentment?

## Prayer Time

Spending time in God’s word each day (Daily Devotions) is a great way to increase our love for God. Pray for each other to be more consistent in our time with God each day.

## Rhythms of Discipleship



Daily  
Devotion

If you need help with your own daily devotions or ideas for your group, go to our [Life Groups Website](#), [Leader Helps](#), [7 Rhythms](#), [Daily Devotions](#).