



## *Idol Factories*

**Main Scripture:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Additional Scriptures:** Exodus 20:3, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:21

### *Discussion Questions*

- We as human beings are not good at diagnosing. We chop at branches and forgo the roots. What did Pastor Mike mean by that?
  - Where have you seen this be true in your own life?
- **Read Exodus 20:3.** We are by nature worshipping creatures and when you are worshipping the right thing, you thrive. Bottom line, you are either going to worship the uncreated God or some created thing. Do you agree that we are intrinsically worshipping creatures?
  - Pick a few examples of unsaved people (or even you when you were unsaved) figure out what they are worshipping if they are not worshipping the Lord.
- Worship is not 20 minutes of music on Sundays... worship is your life! What are some indicators of what you personally worship?
  - What are some ways to discover the idols in your life?
- An idol is "anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God." - Tim Keller Do you think this is a good working definition? How else would you define an idol?
- "Idols make promises that they cannot keep". What does P. Mike mean by that? What kind of promises to idols make?
- What idols did you give up when you started following Jesus? What (Christian) idols do you struggle with now?
  - How has your "idol worship" changed since you started following Jesus? How has it stayed the same?
- When you start to put the "good" idols (family, spouse, school, etc.) in place, God will order them in the way they are supposed to be and will bless it. The only way God can order your life is when you stop trying to order it yourself. What is the tension between our effort and letting God take control?
  - How do we remain good stewards but at the same time relinquish control to God?