True North | Week 15 | September 17th, 2023 - Sermon Notes and Message Discussion Guide [SERMON NOTES]

(American) Idols - 1 Corinthians 10

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

We all have moments and seasons that we obsess over someone or something for a time, and our culture does too. What are some obsessions or fads that you have experienced over the years?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week's message was all about idols and idolatry. We learned that an idol is anything that replaces God and were challenged to identify the idols in our own life. Think through the three questions below that we were encouraged to ask ourselves to help identify our own idols:

- 1. What can you not help but not think about?
- 2. What can you not help but put your money towards?
- 3. What can you not help but turn your attention to that always moves you to action?

While the answers to these questions may not mean these things are 100% an idol, they are indicators of what is closest to our hearts and should certainly be taken seriously as a high potential for something that takes precedence over God, aka an idol.

Take some time for further study on idolatry. Read **Colossians 3:5-11** (in several different translations if you have time). **Rewrite the passage in your own words.**

What are some things these verses teach us about God (Trinity)? (i.e. His plan for people, His attributes, His purposes for creation, etc.)

What are some things these verses teach us about people?

If you were to pull <u>one</u> thing from this passage to apply to your life to better follow Jesus as a disciple, what would it be?

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?

1 Corinthians 10 Exodus 20 Colossians 3 Isaiah 44