

FLEEING IDOLATRY

1 Corinthians 10.14-22

THE CUP OF BLESSING

Paul has spent a couple chapters dealing with various aspects of idolatry. As we go and incarnate ourselves into the world, we need the constant reminder that we partake in the cup of blessing, symbolic of us being part of the body of Christ through the blood of Christ.

THE CUP OF DEMONS

1 Corinthians 10.19-22 // 1 John 2.16, 17 // Luke 16.13

Paul reinforces the fact that there is truly no such thing as other gods, but that there are demonic forces wearing masks who would have us believe that they are gods with power. But these demons really want to entice us into idolatry.

Idol: Anything deemed necessary for happiness or fulfillment. Anything that replaces or robs devotion or love for God. Anything that is pursued in order to give us something that is meant to be given to us through Jesus.

Coveting: home, income, job, family life, spouse, vacations, talents, comforts.

Hardness of Heart: bitterness towards circumstances, people, fault finding.

Entitlement: "I don't deserve this," "are you kidding me?", "why me?"

Comfort: desire to feel good all the time, self-esteem, avoid hardship

Human Approval: fear of man, praise from others, recognition, image

The human heart is an idol factory.

-John Calvin

NO DOUBLE DIPPING

The demonic goal of idolatry is rarely to get you to choose between two gods. Its goal is to entice you to live for multiple gods.

1 Corinthians 10.21, 22 // Luke 16.13 // John 13.12-16, 15.18-21

**If our Master was given a crown of thorns,
Why do we expect a crown of roses?**

-Martin Luther

Isaiah 30.22

Battle Plan

1. Hunt for Them
2. Admit Them
3. Confess Them to God and Others
4. Blaspheme Them
5. Replace Them with Gospel Truth About Christ

NOTES:

"Idol Detector Test"

- Where do you turn for comfort when things are not going well?
- What one thing do you most hope is in your future?
- What is the one thing you most worry about losing?
- If you could change one thing about yourself or your life right now, what would it be?
- What thing have you sacrificed the most for?
- Who is there in your life that you feel like you can't forgive, and why?
- When do you feel the most significant?
- What triggers depression in you?
- What do you think that Jesus is not giving you?
- What do you think is unfair in your life?
- Complete this phrase: Jesus + _____ = Happiness

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 10.14-22**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Paul warns against "double dipping" in the cup of blessing and the cup of demons. In what ways do you find yourself double dipping?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Describe the "cup of blessing" that Paul talks about in your own words. How does that visual of drinking and eating and partaking help you preach the Gospel to yourself?

Repent and Confess

What particular idolatries do you need to blaspheme?

Ask for Provision

What might you ask God to help you with or provide for you in light of these passages?

Your Life Mission

Much of this section has to do with us being good witnesses in this world, while not falling prey to the enticements of the world's false gods and idolatries.

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

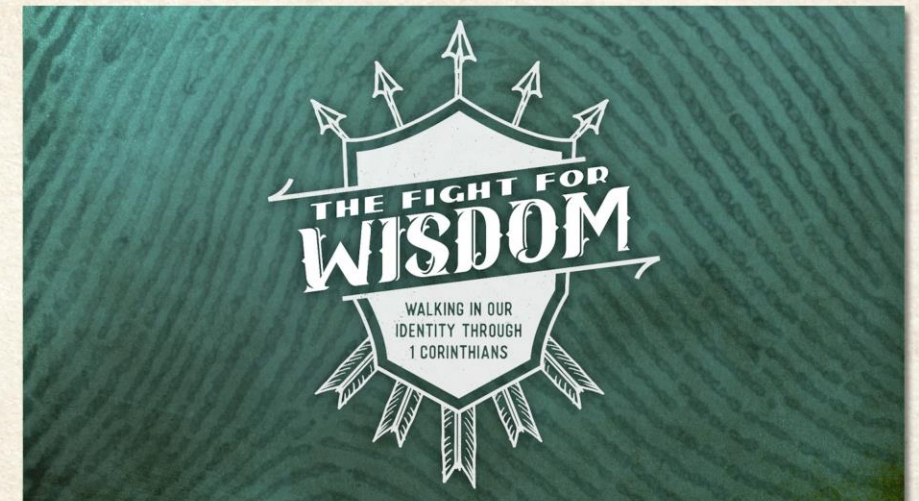
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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