

**The Sanctuary Fellowship
Summer 2023**

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The Bible traces the battle between idols and
Yahweh/Jesus in the hearts of people:

Eve- Genesis 3:6

Abram in Joshua 24:2; Nanna the moon god in Ur

Exodus 20; Egypt and Israel

1 Jn. 5:21; 1 Cor. 10:14; Gal. 5:19-21; Col. 3:5

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Small Group Discussion:

Read Deuteronomy 13:1-5

1- How do we relate “prophet or a dreamer of dreams” to someone/something in our lives that might present us with an idol to worship?

2- vv. 2-3; what is at stake for our hearts and lives re: refusing to worship idols?

3- Why must we do verse 5? Why such radical actions re: idols?

Keller on 3 Idols in the Western Church:



Keller has identified several idols/categories of idols. What are some of them?

5 Diagnoses for Idols (Dave Cover)

- 1- What are your daydreams?
- 2- Where do your uncontrollable emotions show up?
- 3- What do you spend your resources on easily?
- 4- What are your nightmares?
- 5- What unanswered prayer has embittered you toward God?

Small Group Discussion:

How do you get rid of idols?

What does page 155 tell us about this?

Study Guide:

#2- p. 161

#3- p. 163; how does this help in our fight against idols?

#7- p. pp. 171-172

“All of life is repentance” (Martin Luther)

Identify idol


Drag idol into the light and smash it

Live in worship of the beauty of the Gospel

-overwhelmed at the price & generosity of
Jesus' work

Live in freedom that your worth and satisfaction
are found only in Christ

Make sure that Jesus is at the center of the functional trust of your heart.



**Oh Lord, You're
Beautiful**

Jesus Culture

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Dear Lord-

You can have it all. You can have my waking and my sleeping. My weekdays and my weekends. My daytime and my nighttime. You can have my thinking and my feelings. Be my source of joy, meaning and significance. Help me to keep Jesus at the center of what I truly, practically, functionally trust in. You are my God and none other shall have your place. I love you- help me love you more! Amen.

(adapted from 40 Day Sugar Fast)