

ALMOST



WEEK 3

JESUS CONFRONTS THE IDOL OF RELATIONSHIPS

BIG QUESTIONS:

WEEK 1- HAVE I ALLOWED THE ALLURE OF RICHES TO BECOME AN IDOL?

WEEK 2- HAVE I ALLOWED THE ACTIVITIES OF RELIGION TO BECOME AN IDOL?

TODAY- HAVE I ALLOWED THE AFFECTION OF RELATIONSHIPS TO BECOME AN IDOL?

DEFINITION OF AN IDOL:

ANYTHING IN MY LIFE THAT CLAIMS MY
----- AND/OR
----- OVER JESUS

LUKE 9:59-62



"TO ANOTHER HE SAID, 'FOLLOW ME.' BUT HE SAID, 'LORD, LET ME FIRST GO AND BURY MY FATHER.' AND JESUS SAID TO HIM, 'LEAVE THE DEAD TO BURY THEIR OWN DEAD. BUT AS FOR YOU, GO AND PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM OF GOD.' YET ANOTHER SAID, 'I WILL FOLLOW YOU, LORD, BUT LET ME FIRST SAY FAREWELL TO THOSE AT MY HOME.' JESUS SAID TO HIM, 'NO ONE WHO PUTS HIS HAND TO THE PLOW AND LOOKS BACK IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.'"

IS THERE ANY RELATIONSHIP YOU VALUE MORE THAN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH -----?

LUKE 14:26, 33



"IF ANYONE COMES TO ME AND DOES NOT HATE HIS OWN FATHER AND MOTHER AND WIFE AND CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YES, AND EVEN HIS OWN LIFE, HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE...(SLIDE) SO THEREFORE, ANY ONE OF YOU WHO DOES NOT RENOUNCE ALL THAT HE HAS CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE."

EVERY _____ WE HAVE AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS MUST BE PLACED UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND LORDSHIP OF JESUS.

LUKE 12:49-53



"I CAME TO CAST FIRE ON THE EARTH, AND WOULD THAT IT WERE ALREADY KINDLED! I HAVE A BAPTISM TO BE BAPTIZED WITH, AND HOW GREAT IS MY DISTRESS UNTIL IT IS ACCOMPLISHED! DO YOU THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO GIVE PEACE ON EARTH? NO, I TELL YOU, BUT RATHER DIVISION. FOR FROM NOW ON IN ONE HOUSE THERE WILL BE FIVE DIVIDED, THREE AGAINST TWO AND TWO AGAINST THREE. THEY WILL BE DIVIDED, FATHER AGAINST SON AND SON AGAINST FATHER, MOTHER AGAINST DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER AGAINST MOTHER, MOTHER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST MOTHER-IN-LAW."

ASK YOURSELF: "HAVE I ALLOWED THE _____ OF GOD TO BECOME AN _____ IN PLACE OF GOD IN MY LIFE?"

JESUS CONFRONTS THESE IDOLS BECAUSE HE LOVES US PROFOUNDLY AND KNOWS THAT EVERY IDOL WE TURN TO WILL LEAVE OUR SOULS CRAVING MORE. JESUS KNOWS THAT ONLY AN "ALL-IN" RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM CAN SATISFY THE CRAVINGS OF OUR SOUL.