



## Sermon Notes: The Danger of Idolatry

### 1. The allure of idols.

- a. Idols promise to let us be in control.
- b. Idols promise to give us something we want.

### 2. The grip of idols.

- a. We fall blindly in love with our idols.
- b. They become core to our identity.

### 3. The deadliness of idols.

- a. Idols create irrational fear and confusion.
- b. Idols will overpower and master you.
- c. Idols will humiliate and ruin you.

### 4. The alternative to idols.

- a. You can have a relationship with the great King.
- b. This relationship is not based on what you can do for God, but on what He already did for you.



## Application Questions: The Danger of Idolatry

1. What's one thing you did to promote or participate in a Gospel partnership this week?
2. What are some of the popular idols of our culture (things people look to, other than God, for their ultimate sense of purpose, significance, security, or identity)?
3. Maybe you can only answer this question privately right now, but what are some of *your* idols?
4. What do you gain by keeping the answers to #3 to yourself? What do you lose? What are some potential dangers of keeping this information *too* private?
5. Select the most prominent idol from your list in #3:
  - What kinds of promises does that thing seem to make to you?
  - What do you want, deep down, that you think that thing will provide?
  - How do you feel when that thing seems to be working?
  - How do you feel when that thing seems to be failing you?
  - Consider the power paradox concerning that idol: a) How does that thing have no actual power in and of itself? b) How does that thing, nonetheless, exercise immense power in your life?
  - How have you seen others disgraced and ruined by a similar idol?
6. What does God offer you in place of what that idol promises?
7. What one thing will you do this week to repudiate that idol? How will others recognize that you've done this?