

### In Person & Zoom Community Group Lesson – September 25 & 28, 2022

# Commandment #2 - Do Not Worship Statues

#### **Main Point**

You must not worship false gods

## Scripture

- Exodus 20:4-5
  - "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God"
- Isaiah 40:18-20, 25
  - With whom, then, will you compare God?
     To what image will you liken him?
     As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it.
     A person too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot; they look for a skilled worker to set up an idol that will not topple.

To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

# **Prayer Time**

Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

# **Praise and Worship**

- I Love You Lord Maranatha! Music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hyBJwTKmQ8
- Revelation Song Phillips, Craig & Dean https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsiDukXleVY

### **Memory Verse**

- John 14:15
  - o "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

#### Review of Last Week

- Last week we learned that God is the one true God and we should have nothing more important than Him.
- This week, think about whether there is something or someone ahead of God in your life. How can you protect yourself from these things and spend more time with God? What could you do next time to help remind you that God should come first?

#### Lesson

- The first commandment has to do with WHO we worship, while the second commandment has to do with HOW we worship the true and only God.
- When we worship God, does God want us to look at something and pray to it or does God want us to pray directly to Him?
- Let's read the second commandment together.
  - "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God"
- Today we will be reading Isaiah 40:18-20 and 25. Isaiah is speaking to God's people about idols in these verses. Let's listen closely to see what Isaiah says to God's people about idols, and I think we can discover something awesome and wonderful about God as well!
- Let's read the verses together, then ask: what do people make idols out of that
  we heard in these verses? (pictures on PowerPoint of gold, silver and wood will
  help participants remember)
- When people made these idols out of gold, silver, and wood, they used the best of the materials they could find. If using wood, they tried to find a perfect piece of wood that was not rotting or dying. Their idols would look perfect in every way. But no matter how perfect their idols looked, they could never come close to being like God! Why? (They are not real. They cannot speak; they cannot hear; they can't answer prayer) Idols are made by humans.
- Do you think something made by us could have power over us or the ability to help us? (no!)
- Do you think something made by human hands could be as great as God, so great that we should worship it? (no!)
- No one made God. He always was and He always will be. He has no beginning and no end. He is unlike anything or anyone on earth. There is no one like Him!

- God wants us to worship Him directly. We don't need something to look at, touch or feel to worship and spend time with God
- We are so blessed that we can worship and pray to Him directly

# **Application and Group Discussion**

- We are going to do something new for the group discussion today. We are going to worship God and maybe learn a new song if you don't already know it. This song will help us know and remember that there is no one like God. In the song, it asks the question, "who is like you (God)? Does anyone know the answer to that question? That's right no one. Because there is no one like God, we can always trust in His greatness and power to be high above our own. This means that even though we are weak, God is always stronger and there to help us. When we do not know what to do, God always knows and is there to guide us. Because there is no one like God, He alone deserves our hearts and our praise. With this song, we will praise God for who He is. Please stand if you are able as we worship together.
- Who is Like You by Starfield
  - o https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRZ WFrXYzM

## Live it out Challenge

• This week, find a worship song and listen to it a few times this week.

# **Activity Sheets**

# Complete the Crossword Puzzle

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<ul><li>2. An adjective to describe God</li><li>4. What not to worship</li></ul>	2	3			
6. What an idol might be made of <b>Down</b>					
<ol> <li>Another word for God</li> <li>Do not make an image in the form of</li> <li>The only one we should worship</li> </ol>					
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GOLD GOD IMAGE		4		5	
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