



## From “In the Beginning” to Amen - Idolatry - What’s the Big Deal?

**Icebreaker:** What is your feeling about Spring? Love, Hate or something in-between?

**Read Together:** Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (NIV)

**Discuss:**

- What was God speaking to you as Tim taught?
- Of the types of churches Tim listed, which types have you attended?
  - Church IN the city – They were and they are not.
  - Church Against the city – Fight everything we don’t like. A culture against their culture. Point out all the differences.
  - Church Like the city – Basically no marked difference.
  - Church for the City – Make a difference. The church would be missed if it left.

**Read Together:** Deuteronomy 16:21 (NLT), James 1:5-8 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

### **Half Heartedness**

- What are some examples of Modern “Asherah poles” that we set up in our churches?
- How does Idolatry rob us of our God-given design?
- How does Idolatry cause us to misplace our identity, trust and dependence?
- How does Idolatry reshape our behavior?

**Read Together:** Romans 1:21-25 – 21 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What are some of our “foolish ideas of what God is like”?
- What are some good things that have turned to “Ultimate things” in your life?
- Look at your normal life and ask the following questions:
  1. *What do I fear losing the most?*
  2. *What do I think I need to be okay?*
  3. *What do I organize my life around?*
  4. *What hinders my giving or generosity?*

**So, in everyday life, idolatry isn’t about statues—it’s about *substitutes*.**

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**Therefore, we have to ask... is there anything that plays the role the Bible says belongs to God alone?**

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**Pray:**

- Ask God to show you any idols you may have.
- Ask God to help you put Him in first place.
- Ask God to help you overcome idolatry in your life.