



Discussion
Gu'de

“THE ROT IN IDOLS”

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WHEN WE ALLOW EVERYDAY IDOLATRY IN OUR LIVES,
IT ROTS OUR ABILITY TO SEE GOD

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Welcome back to Pr'me Groups! As we did last cycle, we're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the Christmas break? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
**When We Allow Everyday Idolatry in our Lives,
It Rots Our Ability to See God**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
solar eclipse
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Galatians 5:[19] 20**
The result of sin's control in our lives is clear. ...It includes worshipping statues of gods and worshipping evil powers. (v. 20, NIRV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Did you view the eclipse on Tuesday? Did you have special glasses? Did any of you make intentional plans/trips to view it?
- As a refresher, read **Exodus 32:1-8**. What [or *who*] did the golden calf *represent* (specifically, v. **4b** and **5b**)? If you've read (or watched) this story before, how is this different from what you thought?
- Does this understanding make idolatry more real for you today?
- We may not worship statues, but idolatry is "counting on *anything other than God as your source...*", so we often *do* have "everyday idols" in our lives: [Leaders: only read verses as necessary]
 - *Source of Acceptance Idols* (**James 4:4-10**)
 - How can finding acceptance get in the way of God?
 - How do you think God "feels" when we look for acceptance elsewhere?
 - *Source of Identity Idols* (**Luke 14:26-27**)
 - In what "things" do people find their identity, rather than God?
 - *Source of Security Idols* (**Colossians 3:5**)
 - How are greed and security connected (see Col. 3:5)?
 - In what things do people find their security, rather than God?
 - *Source of Spirituality Idols* (**Revelation 22:8-9; 1 Cor. 13:1-3**)
 - What makes this idol a paradox?
 - What "spiritual" idols do people pursue (in the church & out)?
 - *Source of Self-Sufficiency Idols* (**Romans 1:20-25**)
 - **Read Rom 1:20-25**. In what ways are *all* idols in this category?
- Read **Galatians 5:24-25**. To deal with *rotten* sin in our lives we:
 - *Admit It*: from the idol categories above, choose one that you need to change. What does that idol look like in your life, specifically?
 - *Kill It*: what real changes do you need to make to remove this idol?
 - *Leave It*: how can you rely on the Holy Spirit to be your source instead? How can we pray for you to do what you need to do?