

## Messy; One Foot In

WEEK OF March 3, 2019

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

### **CONNECT**

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message?

### **GROW**

2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22. At its root meaning, idolatry is the worship of created things in place of the worship of Creator God. What are some ways we are all guilty of idolatry, even if it isn't that obvious, and why are we tempted by those things?
3. Because of the seriousness of idolatry, Paul told the believers at Corinth to "flee" from it. What does fleeing from a particular sin involve?
4. What makes idolatry such an offensive sin against God, and what do we communicate to God when we worship something in His place?

- 5. We may not struggle with serving multiple gods, but what are some modern-day idols people worship? How do these idols impact our relationship with God, and how have you seen them impact your own relationship with God?**
  
- 6. In 1 Corinthians 10:15-17, Paul compared idolatrous festival meals to the Lord's Supper. What sets the Lord's Supper apart from the important meals in other religious practices, and what does eating the bread and drinking the cup symbolize?**
  
- 7. Apparently, some Christians were eating meals in idols' temples, and Paul used the Lord's Supper as a reminder for them of what they were condoning by doing so. Describe some ways we might condone idolatry today without thinking about it as such?**
  
- 8. How do Paul's statements in 1 Corinthians 10:18-22 help you better understand the dangers of idolatry? What are some questions we can ask ourselves to see if we are guilty of doing this?**
  
- 9. Paul also reminds us that God is a jealous God (v. 22). When you think about God as being jealous for your worship, what additional insight does that give you into how He feels about our idolatry?**

**10. Read Ephesians 5:1-7. After describing the Christian lifestyle in a positive way (vs.1-2), Paul defined specific actions believers should avoid. What is the common link among the sins listed, and what purposes do these sins serve in our lives?**

**11. How does self-indulgence contrast with the self-giving nature of Jesus, and how are the sins in these verses in Ephesians examples of idolatry? How does this help you understand the seriousness with which God takes this sin?**

## **GO**

**12. How does your relationship with the things of the world need to change in order to make your relationship with Christ your first priority?**

**13. What does a life that truly has God in the primary place of worship look like? What are some key characteristics of this lifestyle that you need to work on, and what next steps will you take in order to build those characteristics into your life?**