

5. Read Exodus 32:7-10. How does idol worship invite God's judgment?

6. Read Exodus 32:11-14. We all worship idols. What is our only hope? (See 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

7. True worship is about glorifying God, not gratifying self. But it results in ultimate fulfillment and satisfaction. It comes at a cost, and the cost is setting aside our timetable and our immediate desires in order to experience eternity and our deepest desires. How has the cost been worth it for you?

8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

**SERIES:** God Delivers (Gospel Project)

**SERMON 4:** "Rebellion Against the Redeemer"

**TEXT:** Exodus 32:1-14

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### **FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE STORY OF GOD**

- Discover how the Bible fits together. The one story it tells. You get to know all the major stories and characters. And you find your role in God's story.
- Learn and begin applying a relational approach to spiritual growth. You get tools you can use every day to live a fully devoted life of discipleship.
- Connect with others on the same journey—your cohort partners and guide.
- Master the basics of biblical theology.
- Ask tough questions and find real, honest answers. The SOG is great for investigating the truth of Christianity.

15-20 minutes per day of work online, 6 one-hour cohort group meetings.

Sunday morning and weekday evening cohort options.

### **3 CONSEQUENCES OF MISPLACED WORSHIP**

The bigger problem beneath your biggest problems is misplaced worship—\_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ is putting something or someone in the place of God. Anything you look to for what only Christ can give you—joy, security, peace, meaning, significance, identity, salvation, and so on—becomes an idol.

Acts 7: <sup>39</sup> "In their **hearts** they turned to Egypt, <sup>40</sup> saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us.'"

I \_\_\_\_\_ then and now is a heart problem.

1. Idol-worshippers \_\_\_\_\_ true worship.  
Exodus 32:1-6; Exodus 20:2-4

Twisted worship...

- Takes the initiative, instead of God.
- Offerings were demanded, not offered freely.
- There is no guarding of the presence of God.
- The invisible God is exchanged for a visible image.
- The personal, living God is exchanged for a lifeless, dumb idol.

The golden calf was what people \_\_\_\_\_. The calf couldn't talk, so it couldn't question their choices. The calf wasn't feared, so it could be manipulated for their own desires.

True worship is about glorifying God, not gratifying self. But it results in ultimate fulfillment and satisfaction. It comes at a cost, and the cost is setting aside our timetable and our immediate desires in order to experience eternity and our deepest desires. True worship is worth the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Idol-worshippers \_\_\_\_\_ God's judgment.  
Exodus 32:7-10; Romans 1:21-25

God's Judgement: God let's us have what we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_ is not him.

Two results of idol worship:

- Moral \_\_\_\_\_
- I \_\_\_\_\_: We become like what we worship.

3. Idol-worshippers need a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Exodus 32:11-14; Psalm 106:23; 1 Timothy 2:5

God was \_\_\_\_\_ Moses toward intercession.

#### Family Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things, besides God, that our family tends to put our hope in? Why won't those things bring fulfillment?
2. How can we help one another turn to God instead of idols during difficult times?
3. How can we intercede for others in prayer? Who is someone our family needs to be praying for today?

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#### CHRIST CONNECTION

The children of Israel needed a mediator to intercede on their behalf. Jesus Christ is the mediator between God and sinful humanity; he intercedes on behalf of His people.

#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In what ways is idolatry the bigger problem beneath our biggest problems?
3. Why are some reasons our hearts rush to the making of idols?
4. Read Exodus 32:1-6. What are some common "graven images" in our lives and our thoughts today?

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#### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is God's plan?