



Discussion Guide for “Images and Idols”

Can You Hear Me Now? Week 3

When someone challenges our identity, we get angry. But maybe the problem is that we’ve built our identities on the wrong things. Israel made the same mistake – they had allowed the Law and the Temple to define who they were, and injustice flourished. Jesus’ temple cleansing and the 10 commandments help us to identify the idols in our lives so that we can confess our sin and ground our identities in God. We can be free to engage others with generosity and love when we’re not busy protecting our sense of self.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

[Psalm 19](#)

[John 2:13-22](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

[Colossians 3:1-3](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Share a time you felt your identity challenged. Who was it? How did you react?
2. What does that challenge tell you about what you’ve built your identity in?
3. How did the 10 Commandments come to be an idol for Israel? Where else have you seen religion become an idol?
4. How do idols reduce us to less than God created us to be? Where have you seen this in your own identity?
5. What does it look like for you to be an image of God this week?