



Subtle Seduction | 1 Corinthians 10:7; Exodus 21

In the example that Paul draws upon in our study this week, he challenges us regarding idols. It can be tempting to simply look at an idol as an outdated concept that no longer applies to those who live in a scientific age. However, idols have always had everything to do with the heart and internal realities of humanity. So, the idols today are just as real but perhaps not as recognizable.

When you hear the term “idolatry”, what comes to your mind?

READ/REFLECT

Read 1 Corinthians 10:7 and then read through Exodus 32.

What is an idol?

What are some idols in our world? ... in our lives?

Notice that Moses “delayed” in coming down from the mountain. In what ways are seduced by idolatry when we have to wait for God?

For the ancient Israelites, the idol that was made was familiar from the cultural they had inhabited. The familiarity likely blinded them to the realities of idolatry. In what ways do we get blinded?

In verse 4, we find the incredibly shocking statement that the people saw the false gods as those “who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” How do we misattribute what God is doing and responsible for to other things?

In verse 5, it is said that the people were going to throw a “feast to the Lord.” The word Lord is the Hebrew word “Yahweh” which was the personal name of God. Apparently, there were mixing the worship of the one true God with the worship of false gods. How do we see that in our own lives? (Be careful not to answer in the third person but be honest about how you see that in your life)

After honestly identifying the idols in our lives, how do we begin to destroy them?

RESPOND

What specifically will you take away from this passage? How and when will you apply that truth?

REACH OUT in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives.