

Discussion Guide  
*MADE: wk1 Relationships*  
August 6, 2023



Big Idea

Idolatry is worshipping things made by God, instead of God himself.



Icebreaker

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you consider what this statement: “*I have it made!*” means or looks like?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 1:20. What are the two specific qualities of God that this verse communicates are revealed by what He has made? What do each of these qualities mean in your own words and through what things that He has made, have you personally realized or experienced them?
2. Read Romans 1:21-25. This passage clearly hits upon how God has given humanity free will when it comes to worshipping Him. What is the opposite of free will? Why do you think God gives us the free will *to worship* or *to not worship* Him? Has the fact that God has given people free will ever been a source of frustration for you, and if so, how & why?
3. Continuing to consider Romans 1:21-25, but primarily focusing verse 1:25a (“*They traded the truth of God for a lie.*”), do you have an example to share from your life, or from a life you’ve observed, where this clearly played out to be a bad trade? What types of things cause humanity to make such bad trades?
4. Reminder of this week’s Big Idea: *Idolatry is worshipping things made by God, instead of God himself.* Presbyterian Minister Tim Keller said this, “*An idol is anything more important to you than God; anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God or anything you seek to give you what only God can give you.*” Turning our attention to this week’s specific idol topic, relationships, what are some things that we may look for human relationship to perfectly fulfill in us, that only God can? Can & does He, God, use people to fulfill some things in & for us? If so, how do we still ensure we are worshipping the Creator versus the created?
5. What are some human relationships that one may tend to idolize over God? What actions serve as evidence for this being the case? Is there a form of human relationship that you have, are, or are most prone to idolize (remember this would be any relationship that absorbs your heart & attention more than God does)? Based upon that response, fill in the following blank appropriately for you and declare this statement: “\_\_\_\_\_ is/are a good gift, but they are not God!”



Concluding Question

Read Exodus 20:1-6. Share your reaction to this passage, which includes the first two of the ten commandments, along with any action you may need to take in response to it.



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer Pray for the Campuses of Revive Wesleyan whose August are filled with things like outdoor church services, church picnics, baptisms, etc.. May this be a God-honoring; Kingdom expanding month!