

You Become What You Worship (Youth)

 www.pursuegod.org/you-become-what-you-worship-youth/

Today we're wrapping up our series on idols, focusing on [Psalm 115](#). This verse shows us the true reality about the idols the Israelites worshipped:

***Psalm 115:4-8** Their idols are merely things of silver and gold, shaped by human hands. They have mouths but cannot speak, and eyes but cannot see. They have ears but cannot hear, noses but cannot smell. They have hands but cannot feel, and feet but cannot walk, and throats but cannot make a sound. And those who make idols are just like them, as are all who trust in them.*

The idols they made couldn't do anything for them, yet they still worshipped them. The idols we have today may provide instant comfort or gratification, but they cannot love you like God loves you or save you like God's saved you. When we put idols before him, we become less like God and more like them.

Talking Points:

- **When something becomes an idol in your life, it replaces God with an alternative end goal.** Celebrities, social media, and success are all vying for your attention, but only for their own gain. When we give them importance and pour our time and energy into these idols, what are we gaining? Nothing! They won't lead you to a satisfying life, and they definitely won't lead you to heaven one day.
- **The more you idolize something, the more it rubs off on you.** Just think about how your friends or favorite celebrities talk, dress, or act. If you stop and make a comparison, you'll probably find that you do a lot of those same things that they do. It's because you have allowed them to influence you in a way that changes you.
 - Kanye
 - Relationships
 - Materialism
- **Christ brings us life and can free us from our idols.** Jesus' sacrifice allows us to have real hope and real meaning in our lives. We may not even realize that our idols are bad for us until we see how they affect our relationship with God. Once we identify what our idols are, we can ask God for help in putting him as the most important thing in our life.

When your perspective is altered by an idol, it not only affects what you strive for, but also what you believe. Idols must be replaced, not simply removed. If we do not actively replace our idols with Jesus, even if we manage to remove it, it will be replaced by something similar. And no matter how good your idol is, or how much you pour into it, it can never fulfill you like God can.

Discussion Questions:

1. Watch the video together or invite someone to summarize the topic.
2. What is your initial reaction to this video? Do you disagree with any of it? What jumped out at you?
3. If an idol is "anything or anyone that takes the place of God," what are a couple of your idols?

4. *How do you think idols can change our beliefs and our feelings? Give examples.*
5. *Read [Isaiah 6:9-10](#). Share what you think God is saying.*
6. *Read [Psalm 115:4-8](#). Why is it dangerous to replace God with idols?*
7. *Give an example of when you were not sure if God wanted you to do something, but you did it anyway. Share what happened as a result.*
8. *The way to get rid of idols is to turn away from them and turn towards God. How can you do this in your life?*
9. *Write a personal action step based on this conversation.*