

Week of October 7th, 2018



Introduction

How are different ways you have seen people define themselves? How do you define yourself?

Watch

Watch God at War – Session 1 on Rightnowmedia.com (21 Minutes)

Start with Scripture

Read Joshua 24:15 and 19

¹⁴ "Therefore, fear the Lord and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord. ¹⁵ But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord." ¹⁶ The people replied, "We will certainly not abandon the Lord to worship other gods! ¹⁷ For the Lord our God brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery, and performed these great signs before our eyes. He also protected us all along the way we went and among all the peoples whose lands we traveled through. ¹⁸ The Lord drove out before us all the peoples, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will worship the Lord, because he is our God." ¹⁹ But Joshua told the people, "You will not be able to worship the Lord, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions and sins. ²⁰ If you abandon the Lord and worship foreign gods, he will turn against you, harm you, and completely destroy you, after he has been good to you." ²¹ "No!" the people answered Joshua. "We will worship the Lord." ²² Joshua then told the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you yourselves have chosen to worship the Lord." "We are witnesses," they said. ²³ "Then get rid of the foreign gods that are among you and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel."

Make it REAL

1. Think back to the questions asked in the video:

(Leaders: read through the list and then ask your group "which question sticks out the most to you?)

- a. What in life has left you most disappointed?
- b. What do you complain about?
- c. What do you sacrifice your time and money for?
- d. Where do you go when you need comfort? What makes you mad?
- e. What do you dream of, what are you the most passionate about?
- f. Who's encouragement means the most to you?

Which of these questions produces an answer that really sticks out to you? Which of these questions shows you what you worship, shows you what is most important to you? What is that thing?

2. Why is that thing so important in your life?
3. We see in the passage that God is jealous, and he wants our full heart. How has what you are worshiping kept you from giving God your whole heart? How has it competed with your relationship with Him?
4. The Nation of Israel told Joshua that they were following God even though they were worshiping the God's of their fathers. How have you justified what you are worshiping and said it is not taking away from your relationship with God?

Action steps

Head:

In order to put God above all else, you must have a knowledge of God. What can you commit to this week to increase your knowledge of God?

Heart:

Joshua tells the nation of Israel that they cannot worship God like they said they would because they are worshiping the gods of their fathers. He tells them they must turn their heart to the Lord. How can you turn your heart to God this week?

Hands:

How can you begin to take tangible steps to weed out the things that you worship over God this week?

Prayer

Take prayer request from your group and spend time praying for each other.