

Fleeing Idolatry, Part 1: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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Key Truth:

God's Word gives us examples of idol-worship so that we can escape the same sins by relying on a perfect Savior.

This chapter follows up on Paul's call to self-discipline in chapter 9 and focuses on a common problem among the early Israelites, which disqualified most of them from entering the Promised Land. Paul highlights the idolatry of the Israelites to warn and instruct the Corinthian Christians. Just as Idolatry existed long ago in the children of Israel, idolatry in the church is also a real threat.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 10:1-14** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on **Fleeing Idolatry**.

DIG IN

1. The Danger of Idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:1-5)

Describe the collective experiences of the Israelites in verses 1-4. What happened to most of them in the wilderness (v. 5)? Why?

In what ways is this a warning to Christians today?

2. Examples of Idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:6-11)

According to verses 6-10, what were the evil desires (v. 6) expressed by the Israelites in the wilderness?

Read Numbers 21:4-6: What is the danger of growing impatient with God or with God's leaders?

Read Numbers 14:2: Why would this grumbling be offensive to God? In what ways do we commit the same sins?

3. Escaping Idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

In what ways do the examples (vv. 6 & 11) in the Bible give us strength to flee idolatry today?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13: In what ways can we be encouraged by the truth that the temptations we experience are common to man?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:4: In what ways does Jesus show himself to be our way of escape in the wilderness of life?

DO

Right now, take some time to share with the group practical ways that each of you can turn to Christ and away from idolatry.