



# SERMON

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Romans 1:16-32 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything that didn't make sense? Would you like to discuss anything?
- 4) According to Romans 1, what is the one thing that causes us to sin?
- 5) The secret to change is to identify and dismantle the counterfeit gods of our hearts. Tim Keller suggests four ways to discern our hearts' true love:
  - Where does your mind effortlessly go when nothing else has your attention?
  - How do you spend your money?
  - What are you living for? (honestly)
  - What are your most uncontrollable emotions?
- 6) Read Colossians 3:1-5. What does it mean to set your mind and heart on the things above?
- 7) How will doing what Colossians 3:1-5 commands replace the counterfeit gods in your life?
- 8) What will happen if you uproot an idol but fail to plant the love of Christ in its place?
- 9) What happens to us when we rejoice over God's sacrificial, suffering love for us?
- 10) Gospel truths must shape all we feel and do in order to protect us from idolatry. How do we put this into action? Give some examples of spiritual disciplines.
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

\* These questions taken or adapted from <https://www.westminsterchapel.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Study-Guide-to-Counterfeit-Gods1.pdf>