

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Lucky Charms (1 Samuel 5:1-7:2)

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. Consider how to determine how something has become an idol in your life:
 - a. It depends on YOU to provide for IT
 - b. We are devoted to it because of what we believe it will do for usWhat are some of the idols in your life and some that are promoted in society?

2. Consider how God is not a god...
 - a. He depends on no one.
 - b. He cannot be manipulated.In what ways do we attempt to manipulate God?

3. Pastor Paul noted that the Ark was just another idol/god to the Philistines. From this Scripture, how do we know this is true?

4. Before God took the blinders from our eyes, how did we similarly harden our hearts and/or manipulate God to reveal Himself? What might be the main root cause for unbelief today? Refer to John 12:27 – 41.

5. How do we “peak under veil” and therefore treat God as an idol? Read the story found in Acts 5:1-10 and discuss the following questions:
 - a. Why did God strike down the people of Beth-shemesh?
 - b. Why did God strike Ananias and Sapphira dead?
 - c. How do these stories show similar, yet different sides of God's Holiness and character? To put it differently: How does God defend His Holy nature and character through both of these very different instances?

6. What are some of the dangers of having wealth, power, new technology or even a beautiful new worship center at our disposal? How do we keep from succumbing to the dangers these things can present?

7. “There is great risk in abandoning your idols, but with great risk comes great reward.” Discuss this statement and examine the risks in abandoning your idols – can you recognize the rewards of those actions?

8. Are you able to see your idol/gods for what they really are? For whatever idols you may have in your life, examine what they really are, and then meditate on an aspect of God's character (seeing God for who He is) that can help you to resist and fight that idol in your life. What may you find about your life in general if you are able to deal with all of your idols??

9. What is our God like? What is your relationship with him like? Have you ever tried to twist his arm to your wants and ways?

10. How does coming to God through Christ guarantee that your relationship with God is right?