



Spiritual Polygamy The First Commandment

Big Idea: Faithfulness to Yahweh requires divorcing the other gods in our lives

The meaning of the text in its original cultural context

1. A _____ problem
2. A _____ metaphor
3. A _____ culture

The meaning of the text in our cultural context

1. The Fight for _____
2. The call for _____
3. The call for _____

The meaning of the text in the culture of our lives

Definition:

1. We are all worshippers by _____
2. We worship that which _____ our _____ and _____
3. At its core, _____ is a _____ problem, not a behavior problem

Day One

Read: Joshua 2
Discuss:
Learn: Proverbs 15:1
Praise: *An attribute of God*
Pray: *Missionaries*

Day Two

Read: Mark 1
Discuss:
Learn: Proverbs 15:1
Praise: *God's provision*
Pray: *Salvation of others*

Day Three

Read: Psalm 18:33-50
Discuss:
Learn: Proverbs 15:1
Praise: *Salvation*
Pray: *Pastors and church ministries*

Day Four

Read: Titus 3
Discuss:
Learn: Proverbs 15:1
Praise: *God's creation*
Pray: *Government and military*

Day Five

Read: Philemon
Discuss:
Learn: Proverbs 15:1
Praise:
Pray: *Friends and family*

Conclusions and Applications:

Acts 2:42 Community Group Homework

For the week of October 17, 2010

Getting Started

1. Which phrase(s) best describes the attitudes in the home you grew up in? (And why?)

A) High expectations; B) Live and let live;
C) Harsh; D) Tolerant; or E) Merciful

Into the Bible

Ezekiel 16 paints a vivid picture of God's relationship with Israel. Actually, "vivid" is an understatement. In this time of Israel's history, they were in captivity had rejected God for the gods of other nations. Study through Ezekiel 16:1-15 for the following questions.

2. What picture does God use to describe his relationship to Israel?
3. How does God describe what he did for Israel?
4. Although every good thing that Israel enjoyed was from God what did Israel do in response?
5. Look closely at verses 14-15. How do these verses show how seriously God takes His own glory and His relationship with Israel?

6. Jump down to verses 32-34. What do you think this means?

Application

7. If someone asked you what were the two most interesting ideas, concepts or principles about this weekend's message, what would you tell them?
8. Why does the first commandment make unbelievers so angry?
9. Complete this sentence: "My life would be better if _____"
10. What does the answer to your last question tell you about what you are trusting in?

Digging Deeper:

11. All of us commit idolatry by failing to trust God to fulfill certain needs and desires. Be honest and share with your group the areas of trust you struggle with.

Prayer Requests

