

Thank You Katie and Karen!



*Wednesday Nights in April

- April 19 - 5pm meal; 6pm groups
- April 26 - 5pm Summer Kickoff

1 John

- Jesus, Continued

2 Truths

- Jesus is Lord AND God is Light

3 Tests

- Moral / Social / Doctrinal

This is his commandment, that we believe
in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and
love one another, just as he has
commanded us. - 1 John 3:23

For this is the love of God, that we keep his
commandments. And *his commandments*
are not burdensome. - 1 John 5:3

1 John 5:13

Jesus Continued...

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Jesus Continued...

1 John 5:18-19

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

We know we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Jesus Continued...

1 John 5:20

Jesus Continued...

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Jesus Continued...

1 John 5:21 Continued...

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Jesus Continued...

1 John 5:21

Jesus Continued...

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. [The End?!?!]

*When Christ is minimized, idols will rise.

*When Christ is exalted, idols will fall.

Jesus Continued...

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And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may *know him who is true*; and we are *in him who is true*, in his Son Jesus Christ. *He is the true God and eternal life.*

Jesus Continued...

1 John 5:21

Jesus Continued...

Little children,

[vulnerable]

keep yourselves from idols.

[ongoing action]

Jesus Continued...

1. Identify the Idols

- **We were created to worship!**
 - Idols take the place of God
 - Good gift becomes a terrible god
 - Turns “through” into “to”
 - Need it / Fear of losing it

Identify the Idols

- **We were created to worship!**
- **We become what we behold!**
 - Shapes our heart, mind, and desires.
 - Takes, but can't give
 - Creates isolation or angry mob

Acts 19:23-24

Jesus Continued...

About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way.

A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there.

Jesus Continued...

Acts 19:25

Jesus Continued...

He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said:

“You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business.

Jesus Continued...

Acts 19:26

Jesus Continued...

And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all.

Jesus Continued...

Acts 19:27 *John Continued...*

There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

Acts 19:28

Jesus Continued...

When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting:

“Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

Jesus Continued...

Identify the Idols

- Person, Thing, Activity, Ideology
- Core / Heart Idols:
 - Power
 - Control
 - Comfort
 - Approval

2. Keep Yourselves from Idols

- Release Your Grip
- Look to Christ
- Learn from Others
- Repeat

Jesus Continued...

Prayer

Jesus Continued...

What is dominating my life?

What am I afraid to lose?

Lord, I'm drawn to this idol because it provides _____.

(Power, Control, Comfort, Approval)

Jesus Continued...

Prayer

Jesus Continued...

Jesus,

- I submit to your power.
- I surrender to your control.
- I receive your comfort.
- I desire your approval.

Jesus Continued...