

# **FLEE FROM IDOLS**

## **1 Corinthians 10:1-14**

Ice Breaker: Describe what you think the perfect relationship to God would look like.

BACKGROUND: Paul taught the Corinthians about the dangers of idol worship and petty arguments using lessons from history and faith.

THE BIG PICTURE: We can flee idolatry by giving God our complete devotion.

DIGGING DEEPER:

### **BACK TO THE OLD TESTAMENT** 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

- Why did Paul use reminders of Israel's past? How did they see God through their experiences? Why did the people continue not to trust God? How do the examples from Israel's past relate to the Corinthian situation? What is the moral of this teaching? How is Israel's history relevant to us today?

### **IDOLATRY** 1 Corinthians 10:6-14

- How do you define idolatry? When does a natural or even healthy desire become idolatry? Why is it important for us to understand our inclination toward idolatry? What are some examples of idolatry in our society? in your life? What happens to us spiritually as we worship idols in our lives?
- What warning does Paul issue in verse 12? What does it mean for us?
- How has temptation seemed unbearable for you? How can we flee temptation? In what ways has God provided a way to escape temptation for you?

### **HEART CHECK**

- What are you most afraid of? (not being successful? being poor? losing your business/job?)
- What are you most passionate about? What drives/compels you? What do you talk about most? What do you defend the most? \*Jesus should have that place
- Where do you run for comfort? (food? alcohol? drugs/medication?)
- What do you complain about the most? What is frustrating in your life?
- What makes you happiest?
- What are you mad at God about?
- What do you want more than anything else?
- What do you sacrifice most for in your life?
- If you could change one thing in your life, what would that be?
- What do you treasure the most?
- We were created to worship God. How does that truth affect the way you live?

### CONCLUSION:

What truth did you learn this week that is most relevant to your life and will make a difference? What was the most challenging?