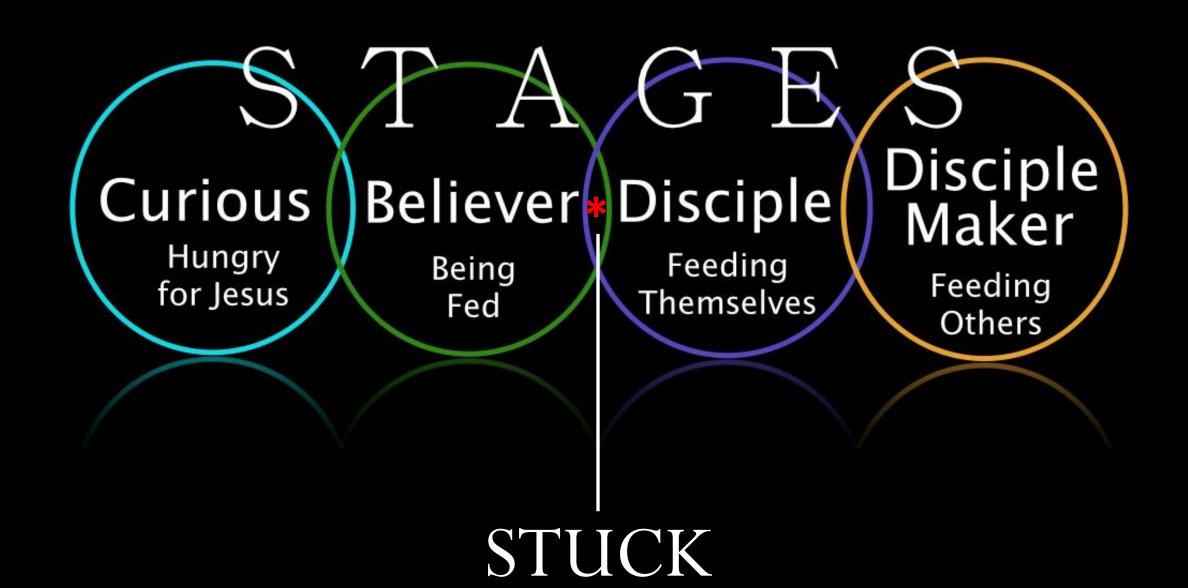
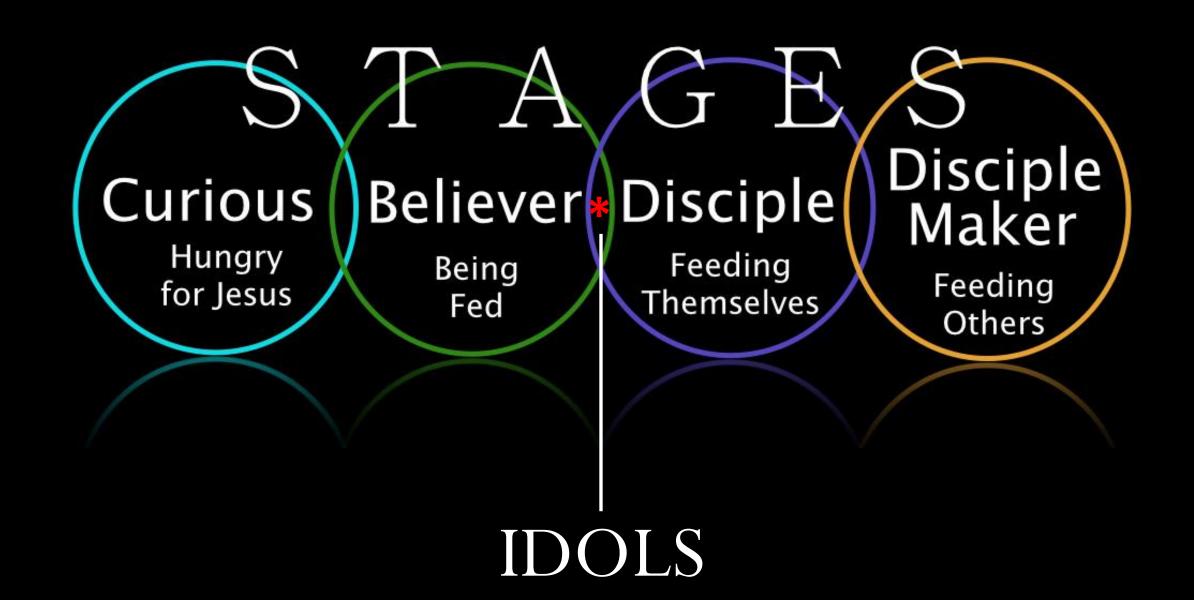
#### A World of Idols

### Paul saw that the city was full of idols.







## Little children, guard yourself from idols.

We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them.

We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.

And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

#### 1 John 5.20b

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#### WHY?

...break any promise, rationalize any indiscretion, or betray any other allegiance, ... violate all good and proper boundaries.

To practice idolatry is to be a slave. Tim
Keller

# This warning was given because this is our root problem on any given day. Joe Thorn

#### **IDOLS**

...anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.

Timothy Keller

## Our hearts are an idol factory. John Calvin

good things becoming ultimate things

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What occupies my mind when I'm relaxed?

What are my dreams?

What do I really live for?

What triggers my uncontrollable emotions?

(anger, fear, despair, shame, guilt, cowardice)

How do I spend my money?

#### RENOUNCE IDOLS

Resolution One: I will live for God.
Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.

Jonathan Edwards

...they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1.9

#### REPLACE IDOLS

Whom have I in heaven but you?
I desire you more than anything on earth.

For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage...

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2.20

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