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Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Sept 30-Oct 1, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

How NOT to be Influenced by Culture

(1 Corinthians 10:1-14)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 1 Corinthians 10:1-14.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Pastor Alan shared that idolatry occurs when we set our ultimate heart desire on anything other than God.

Pastor Alan highlighted that "evil things" in verse 6 could more accurately be translated as "over-desire."

What might you be "over-desiring" in your current life walk?

What drives these over-desires within you?

If you're aware of tendencies to over-prioritize or over-desire certain things in your life, how have you navigated this in the past or in the present?

What evidence(s) from the past or present have you seen, or do you see of idolatry being present in your life (i.e., overindulgence – vs. 7, sexual immorality – vs. 8, grumbling and complaining – vs. 9-10, ingratitude – Romans 1:21, 25, etc.)?

What red flags can you be aware of?

Paul provides the Corinthians a significant warning about the consequences of idolatry (vs. 10-11).

What consequences have you personally experienced from idolatry in your life?

In verses 12-13, Paul offers encouragement on how to keep our hearts from falling into idolatry.

In what ways have you leaned into God to help you address idolatry in your life?

How has this gone?

What have you learned through these experiences?

Why do you suppose God doesn't just remove temptations from our life?

1 Corinthians 14 says, "Therefore my dear friends, flee idolatry."

How effective has this strategy been for you when facing temptation/idolatry?

What might it take to follow this advice more effectively?

Pastor Alan referenced the following quote from Tim Keller, "The best way to overcome idolatry is not by trying to minimize the desire for it. No. The best way to overcome it is to tap into a greater desire."

How, if at all, has this worked for you?

How fully have you tried to do this?

What does or could it look like to tap into a greater desire for Jesus?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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