

DIGGING DEEPER

Series: Ancient Words for a New Life

Sermon: No Substitutions Allowed

Scripture: Exodus 20:4-6



GETTING STARTED

Describe something made or created by someone you care about that has special meaning to you.

- Why is it special to you?
- Does it run the risk of being more valued by you than the one who created it?
 - Why or why not?

BIBLE STUDY

Read Exodus 20:4-6.

1. How does this second commandment relate to the first commandment in verse 3?
2. Trace the “downward spiral” Pastor Paul mentioned that starts with making an idol.
3. What is the result of disobeying this command (v. 5)?
4. When you consider this commandment, do you think it is wrong to display religious symbols (e.g. a crucifix) in a church, or to wear religious jewelry?
5. Read Psalm 115:4-8. What words would you use to describe the idols mentioned in this passage?
 - What is the result of those who make or trust in such idols?

APPLY IT

Give prayerful consideration to any ways in which you may be allowing something to become an idol to you. Ask God for His help in identifying such idols and for putting them back in the proper place in your life.