

The Idol of...

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We have looked at idols of control, comfort, success & wealth...
...an idol being anything we move above God in our lives.

"...God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil..." **Genesis 3:1-6 NLT**

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God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore... **1 Kings 4:29-34 NLT**

Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad. **Ecclesiastes 12:13 NLT**

We often reach for answers...
... claiming everything happens for a reason, but read carefully:

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. **Romans 8:28 NLT**

We can learn a lot from Job & his friends.

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... Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God..." **Matthews 22:23-29 NLT**

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they leaned on their knowledge and understanding of the scriptures and elevated scripture about the author and creator.

It can be more comfortable to trust God's word than God himself.

"...Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." **Matthews 6:25-34 NLT**

idols are idols because of our pasture toward them.

NEXT STEPS Session 3 during the Message Today! Today Next Steps will be talking about the Holy Spirit and his role in our lives. You can jump in even if you missed session 1 & 2.

GROUPS Check them out on the ChurchCenter App We gather in smaller groups at different times to connect and grow together. Check out what groups are available. Lisa Garlow is leading a class on Body, Soul and Spirit and MaryEllen Divine is leading an online Bible Study on Monday nights. If you are interested in leading a group reach out to Justin Cardinal.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT is headed to the Adirondack Corn Maze Our 7th-12th graders gather weekly. Today they will be leaving at 3pm sharp. The cost for the event is \$10 and includes a transportation, the corn maze fee, water, and light snacks.

M.O.P.S. AND MOMSNEXT Thursday at 10am or 6pm Our moms groups kick off a new semester this Thursday. They will gather every other Thursday here at the church at 10am and 6pm. All moms are welcome!

MENS GROUP Saturdays at 8am All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

coming up...

MENS ONE DAY Saturday, October 7th from 8:30am to 4:30pm Register today on ChurchCenter or our website for a day of food, fellowship, fun, worship and ministry!

ANNUAL PARTNER PARTY Save the Date - November 3rd We will share a dinner together, celebrate the past year, and look forward to what is ahead.

HARVEST PARTY October 31st 5pm-8pm All are welcome to this free event with food, drinks, and prizes. Bring your kiddos, invite their friends, and celebrate together.

FOURTH COAST COMPANIONS TRAINING November 8th Our first volunteer training happened this past week and we are excited for how we will care for our elderly neighbors in our community. If you are interested in becoming a friendship volunteer then sign up for our next training on Wednesday, November 8th, from 10am to 3pm. Visit our website or fourthcoastcompanions.com