

**Focus passage: Deuteronomy 4:15-24**

**15** Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, **16** beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, **17** the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, **18** the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. **19** And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. **20** But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day. **21** Furthermore, the Lord was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance. **22** For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. **23** Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you. **24** For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

*What stands out to you from this passage?*

*What do you think of when you hear the word idolatry? What actions, items, ideas, etc?*

*While we may not have wooden statues in our homes or images of false gods, what areas of life might we elevate too highly? What do we idolize?*

*An idol may be something seemingly good, just out of its proper place. Read **1 Cor 13:1-3** to see a list of things we regard as good, but are nothing when they lack what God requires of us.*

*What good things are you allowing to compete with your relationship to God?*

*Read **Colossians 3:1-17**. What is directly linked with idolatry in this passage? Instead of our focus being on idols, what demands our full attention?*

*God is so strictly opposed to idolatry for he alone is God and there are no others. What does it say about Christ that we are to worship him?*

*How can you apply this Scripture to your life?*

*(BONUS: Come out to TPC on June 17-21, 6:45-8:15p, for Adult Vacation Bible School on this topic of idolatry, based off the book Counterfeit Gods, by Tim Keller.)*

