

RECAP

How were you able to reflect God's glory this week?

IDEA 1

God wants His people to have tender and responsive hearts. He wants us to see, understand, feel, embrace, turn, repent—He wants us to know the truth.

John 8:32 says “And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

What keeps us from knowing the truth, and being set free to live with tender hearts that are responsive to God?

What does freedom look like for you?

IDEA 2

Idol worship begins and ends with a stony heart. Our hearts are hardened when we miss the glory of God, when we feel like God has abandoned us, when we don't understand, when we struggle with the part of God we don't understand, when we seek to worship something we can understand and control, when we make our God too small and turn to things other than God and when we put up to protect our hearts.

What does Idol worship look like in 2022?

What things or people do you tend to look to instead of God to meet your needs?

It may be helpful to use the if/then test:

If _____ then I will _____.

If (this idol has power) then I will _____.

If (this idol has power) then I will (be satisfied, secure, happy, whole).

IDEA 3

What hope or encouragement do you find in Ezekiel 11:19-20?

What does it reveal about God?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

One way we can respond to God and surrender our hearts to Him is by using a daily practice called Examen which allows us to examine our hearts and ask God questions that help us notice Him in our lives. While this is a great practice to do individually each day, it can also be done in community.

Take some time to do this together with your group.

The following questions can be helpful in the Examen exercise:

Where was God evident today?

What made God happy today?

What offended God today?

Where do I see God in my day?

Is there anything I need to confess or repent of today?

If you are comfortable, share your answers with each other. End your time by praying for one another.

NEXT STEPS

God is always pursuing us.

This week, make it a practice to ask Him: "Is this you, God? Are you in this? What are you telling me through this circumstance, person, or situation?"

Make note of where you see Him.