

**1. The Lure towards idolatry**

- a) Exodus 20:1–6—the commandments of the LORD given on Mount Sinai
- b) Exodus 32:1–6—idolatry at Mount Sinai
- c) Why did the children of Israel fall so quickly into idolatry?
- d) Identify other times in the history of the children of Israel when they began to worship idols.
- e) What important reminder is found in Psalm 115:2–8?
- f) Where do you see idolatry present today?

**2. Reasons to worship the LORD God rather than idols**

- a) Deuteronomy 10:17–21
- b) Psalm 101:1
- c) Psalm 146:5–10
- d) Isaiah 5:16
- e) Isaiah 44:6–8
- f) True worship is natural and spontaneous when we catch a glimpse of the goodness and mercy of God. Exodus 14:30–15:2
- g) Share a time when you caught a glimpse of the goodness and mercy of God. How did you express your worship to Him?
- h) How does worshipping the Lord in spirit and truth prepare our hearts to show His goodness and mercy to those around us?

**3. Religious oppressors**

- a) Amos 8:4–6, 11–12
- b) Mark 12:38–40
- c) How is it possible to be outwardly religious and still oppress the poor and needy?
- d) Share a time during the ministry of Jesus when religious leaders were oppressing the poor and needy (John 2:13–16)
- e) How can we avoid falling into the same trap?

**4. Showing devotion to God by caring for those in need**

- a) Isaiah 58:1–9
- b) Matthew 25:31–40
- c) Sometimes religious people will criticize you for associating with the poor and needy (Luke 15:1–2) What is the best way to deal with this opposition?
- d) Share a time when God gave you an opportunity to reveal His love to someone in need. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?
- e) How would you respond to a friend who said, “There are so many poor and needy people in the world! You can’t help everyone!”

