

No Other gods

SYNOPSIS

A handful of teens are in a chapel. They are praying, worshipping, adoring. See what's moving them in such a powerful way.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

- † This can be used to challenge your teens about what they hold closest to their hearts and where their allegiances lie.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is an idol?
2. What is idolatry?
3. What/who do people idolize today?
4. Is there a difference between idolizing something/someone and admiring something/someone?
5. If so, what is that difference? At what point do you cross the line between admiration and idolatry?
6. How can you measure whether or not you've made something/someone an idol?
7. Why is it so bad to idolize? Why does God call it sin?
8. How do you guard yourself against creating idols?
9. When the Bible talks about idols, it references actual statues made of metal or wood to which people bowed down and prayed. How is praying before a statue of Mary or another saint any different? (see CCC 2130-2132)
10. If the Bible is so specific about what idols are, does that mean that unless we are bowing to a statue believing it to be a god we aren't guilty of idol worship? (see CCC 2113)

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Idolatry:

Exodus 20:3-6;

Psalms 16:4; 135:15-18;

Isaiah 45:20;

Jonah 2:8;

Acts 17:29;

Galatians 4:8;

1 John 5:21

1 Corinthians 10:14 (*The context here references eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols. It may be interesting to read the entirety of Paul's words beginning in verse 12 and reading through verse 33 and use them to apply the concept of idols to a real time example.*)

For a good story about the difference between an idol and the God of Heaven, read Elijah and the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18:16-40.

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

Idolatry:

2110, 2112-2114

RELATED YOCAT REFERENCES:

352, 358