



Week #2: Temple of Misplaced Desires

Theme Verse: *They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise!*

Romans 1:25 (NLT)

How can we guard our hearts against misplacing our desires?

- Evaluate where I am seeking _____.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4 (NIV)

- When I notice an idol, examine my _____ with _____.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- Consider how to _____ idols with _____ practices.

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry again, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35 (NIV)

- Remember that Jesus wants my _____ because he desires to lead me towards _____.

..."My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

John 10:10 (NLT)

Taste and see that the Lord is good....

Psalms 34:8 (NIV)

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the things you run to for pleasure? These can be big things or small things, and these can be things you are good with or things you'd like to see change.
2. Tell us about a time you misplaced your desire and expected something to satisfy you more than it did.
3. When you are seeking pleasure or relief, what is one of your better go-to practices?
4. If you are a Christian, how have you seen where you find pleasure change over time?

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