



## Judges Series Study Sheet

Week 16—November 10

Message Title: Unmasking our Idols

Text: Judges 18

Read Judges 18.

Why was idolatry such a big problem for Israel?

Come up with a shared definition of an idol that is relevant both to the experience of Israel in the OT and to us today.

Discuss together some specific things that can become idols in our lives, along the following lines:

- Physical objects
- People/groups
- Events/activities
- Intangible forces
- Ideas/ideologies

Discuss things that communities, cultures and nations can idolise. How can idolatry work at a communal level?

Reuben mentioned that we are fundamentally worshipping beings as humans, and our hearts are always looking for things to worship—objects of greatest desire. What kind of 'worship' do we tend to give to idols? Think of specific examples.

What do we expect from our idols? Think of specific examples.

How can we recognise and identify idols in our lives? If you're willing, share about something that has become an idol to you.

What practical steps can we take to destroy our idols? Talk about this in relation to particular things that may become idols in your life.

What steps can we take to prevent our hearts from cultivating idols in the first place? What practices help keep our hearts from drifting away from God?

Spend some time praying for one another, that our hearts would turn away from idols and turn back toward the living God.