

# WHEN GOOD BECOMES god

## Part 1: "Idol Factory"

### Introduction

All of us are tempted to take "good things" and worship them as the "ultimate things" that shape our purpose and identity.

### Discussion Questions

1. Read **Acts 17:16** aloud.

*While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.*

If Paul came to our city today, what modern day "idols" would he notice?

2. Read **Acts 17:22–23** aloud.

*Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.*

Why would the Athenians have an altar to an "Unknown God?" Are we tempted to worship idols for the same reason the Athenians built that altar? Explain.

3. An idol is anything we seek to give us what only God can give. Which of these common idols do you find people are tempted to pursue the most?

Money | Beauty | Work | Children | Relationships

4. In this season, which of the following are you most tempted to seek from idols?

Satisfaction | Security | Significance

5. What do you love most deeply? To help you answer that, where do my time, attention, and money go most consistently and freely? What are you striving to achieve and protect above all else? Whose approval means the most to you?

Does the answer to any of those questions lead you to believe something other than God is an idol to you?

