

You shall not make for yourself an idol

Read Exodus 20:4-6, 32:1-24

Observe

What motivates the idolatry of the Hebrews?

How has Aaron broken the second commandment but not the first?

How does idolatry impact the behaviour of the people?

Interpret

What is idolatry?

Apply

In the following sentences, thinking of your own life, what words would you put in the place of the word *God*? (examples: family, friends, education, money, career, my body, sports, music, sex, power/control, my home)

- God gives purpose, meaning and fulfilment to my life.
- God govern the way I act.
- God is the centre around how I spend money.
- My relationship with God is the centre of my identity.
- God is often in my thoughts, and I get enthusiastic about God.
- I want to serve God.
- Thoughts of God comfort me when I'm down.
- I read about God, I talk about God, I make friends with those who are also committed to God.
- I want to share my joy in God with others.
- I desire more of God.
- When I feel insecure/anxious I turn to God.

Christian idolatry often takes the form of imagining how we would like God to be. It can be revealed when people begin a sentence "*I think God ...*" What Christian idolatry have you heard expressed or observed among Christians?

What kinds of idolatry are we vulnerable to at GWAC?

What is a godly and reasonable amount of time and money for devoting to:

- your physical appearance
- gospel ministry
- your car
- prayer
- home improvements
- Bible reading

- your education/career
- works of service

What is your *takeaway* from today's discussion?

Prayer

Thank God that through Jesus Christ we have been turned from idols to worship the true and living God, and saved into a greater hope that is infinitely more wonderful than the hope of worldly idols.