

God's At War 2
1 Kings 18
Discussion Guide, June 13, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." - Joshua 24:15

- In what way did you see your struggles in your Christian walk through the lens of idolatry this past week? Did it have an impact?

OPEN by PRAYER

WATCH THE VIDEO and ASK:

- As was asked last week, what stood out to you after watching this week's video?
- Have you encountered a time when you gave a good gift only to have the recipient enjoy the gift without acknowledgment of the gift giver?
 - o How can gifts from God (such as food, sex, and entertainment) be ways in which we can worship the gift and not the gift giver?
 - o In Paul's story, when did food become "bad"?
 - o How can we tell when we start to expect God's gifts to do things for us that only God himself can do?
 - o What did Paul Jones ask food to do in his life?
 - o How did Paul's idolatry of food make him suffer to get the pleasure it offered?
 - o The turning point in Paul's story was when he finally quit trying to improve himself. He said he senses God saying, "finally".
 - How does that sit with you?
- Does anyone have an example from their own life where they started relying too much on something that they enjoyed?

READ and ASK: Romans 7:21-8:3

- Does anyone have something you've been battling for a while and you're now starting to suspect God might be waiting on you to quit so he can get to work?
- Where do you turn for comfort and peace, especially in the midst of stress?
- Do you think Paul Jones could have had such a physical transformation without a renewal of heart?

APPLY:

- The gods of pleasure promise satisfaction but often lead to slavery.
 - o How have you seen that to be true?

- NEXT STEP(S): Close by reading John 6:35. How do you need to come to Jesus as the bread of life this week?

Memory Work:

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. - John 6:35