

WEEK 1

JANUARY 8, 2023

LifeGroup Curriculum

Rival Gods: Introduction

1

INTRODUCTION N ACTIVITY

God Encounters:
Share some way
you saw God
interact in your
life this week.

2

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 5:3b
"...why has Satan
filled your
heart..."

3

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:1-42

"Idolatry is not just an ancient practice. Rival gods are alive and well in our modern world and the ones we face today are not all that different from the ones faced by the first-century disciples. Status, Success, Desire, Identity, Ideology, and Comfort all covet our devotion, our attention, our worship. In 2023, we kick off the year with a new sermon series looking at these idols and how we might go to war with them in our lives."

Discussion Questions

1. Read through the entirety of the section we are going to be covering over the next several weeks. Answer the question: What stands out to you?
2. Reading through the text, what idols did the early church deal with?
3. In his sermon this week, Pastor CJ talked about six different idols represented in Acts 5: 1. Status, 2. Success, 3. Desire, 4. Identity, 5. Ideology, 6. Comfort. Are there any idols you see in the text (or in life in general) that isn't on this list?
4. When you think about idolatry, what comes to mind? Is it something you sort of relegate to the ancient past or is it something you see in our world today?
5. What are some idols you wrestle with? Why do you think these are idols you wrestle with them?
6. The hope for this series is not merely to identify idols in our lives but devote ourselves to repenting and rejecting these idols to worship the Lord alone. What is one way you can engage one idol this next week?

