

WEEK 4

JANUARY 29, 2023

LifeGroup Curriculum

Rival Gods: Desire

1

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY

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

2

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 5:20; "Go
and stand in the
temple and
speak to the
people all the
words of this
Life."

3

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:17-21

"By this time of the year about 75% of the New Years' Resolutions are in the trash. Our goals thwarted by selfishness and a lack of discipline. In our world, desire is a rival god that grips most of us in one way or another. We desire this or that. We set goals. We have dreams. If we are a follower of Jesus, often we try to meld His call on our lives with our own desires for our lives, and often, concessions have to be made. In the Scriptures, Jesus tells His disciples repeatedly that life in the Kingdom will cost them their very lives and He doesn't merely mean that they will die, but that their desires of this world that are not of Him will need to die."

Discussion Questions

1. Read through the Scripture Passages listed above. Answer the question: What stands out to you?
2. In this passage, the disciples are challenged to follow what the Lord tells them to do and what they might want to do. If you were in their shoes, what would you desire to do?
3. The cost of following Jesus is high. It's something He talks about repeatedly. Why don't we? What does our reluctance to discuss this say about idols we might worship?
4. Is it wrong to have goals in this life? How do we pursue after these goals and still be sure to being obedient to where God has called us to go?
5. What role does God and His Word play in your life, in your goals, in your action item lists each day/week/month/year?
6. How do we ensure that our desires are also God's desires?

