

LifeGroup Curriculum

Rival Gods: Ideology

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INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY

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

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MEMORY VERSE

Acts 5:38b-38a

"...for if this plan
or this
undertaking is of
main, it will fail;
but if it is of God,
you will not be
able to
overthrow them."

3

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:33-40

"Child-like wonder is not a valued character trait in our modern world. We all like to be experts, to understand, to be someone who is 'in the know,' but Jesus calls us to have faith like a child, to embrace wonder, not completely understanding but trusting in Him. Often we like to keep our theology shelved and dusty instead of having it open in front of us, growing and changing, developing and deepening. Tradition and truth as we see it becomes paramount and instead of growing in our understanding and knowledge of the Lord, we find comfort in our held ideologies, turning them into an idol. This is a dangerous place to be and while it might appear faithful and devoted, it is often faithful and devoted to the wrong things. Join us this week as we seek to understand this subversive rival god, Ideology, and seek to combat it in our own hearts and minds."

Discussion Questions

1. Read through the Scripture Passages listed above. Answer the question: What stands out to you?
2. These Pharisees seem like they are seeking to be faithful to God and what they've believed. Is this a bad thing? If this is true, how can they now be against Jesus and His church?
3. What happened to the faith and faithfulness of these Pharisees? How can we keep from having this same thing happen to us?
4. Sometimes tradition, ideologies, beliefs can be so tightly held by us that it is earth-shattering when the Lord teaches us new things about Him and being obedient to life in the Kingdom. Have you ever had this happen? Share with the group.
5. How do we hold to our convictions without "shelving our theology?"

