

MESSAGE.

Worship is never neutral. We were created to worship, and our hearts are always moving toward someone or something. An idol is anything we look to for what only Jesus can provide. In 1 Corinthians 10, Paul warns believers to flee idolatry because Jesus is too glorious to share our worship with anything else. Worship shapes our allegiance, influences our decisions, and reveals what truly has our hearts. Our freedom is not measured by how much we can get away with, but by how closely our lives resemble Christ. Every decision should be filtered through God's glory and the good of others. The Gospel reminds us that every idol makes promises only Jesus can keep. Because we belong to Christ, we are called to turn from idols and give Him our complete worship, trust, and allegiance.

ENGAGE.

Read **1 Corinthians 10:14–22**.

1. Paul gives a clear command to “flee from idolatry.” Why do you think he uses such strong language?
2. How would you define an idol in today's culture?
3. What are some things people commonly look to for security, identity, or fulfillment instead of Jesus?

Read **1 Corinthians 10:23–30**.

1. Paul teaches that not everything permissible is beneficial. What is the difference between asking “Can I?” and asking “Should I?”
2. How does love for others help guide our use of Christian freedom?
3. Can you think of a time when limiting your freedom helped someone else grow closer to Christ?

Read **1 Corinthians 10:31–33**.

1. What does it mean to do everything for the glory of God?
2. How can ordinary activities become acts of worship?
3. Which of these questions do you need to focus on most right now?
 - What has my heart?
 - What helps my neighbor?
 - What glorifies God?

PRAY.

Lord, thank You for loving us and rescuing us through Jesus Christ. Reveal any idols that may be competing for our affection and allegiance. Help us flee from anything that pulls us away from You and teaches us to worship You alone. Give us wisdom to use our freedom in ways that honor You and help others follow Christ. May our lives bring You glory in everything we do. We declare our trust, dependence, and devotion to Jesus alone. In His name, Amen.

For these cities. For all people.