

HILLSIDE

STUDENTS

Modern Idols

LEADER TOOLS

REMINDERS: Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🎮👉 *PLAY Signs!* Pick one person to be the guesser and have them close their eyes/leave the room. While the guesser isn't looking, pick one person to be the sign-giver and the rest of the group will follow by mimicking what the sign-giver is doing. Have the guesser open their eyes, and the sign-giver will start an action while the followers quickly mimic. The guesser has 3 tries to figure out who the sign-giver is. Then, the sign-giver becomes the guesser and the game continues.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: When we hear the word "idol," we might picture a golden statue in an ancient temple. But idols aren't limited to primitive societies - there are sophisticated idols too. An idol is anything or anyone that occupies the place in your heart that belongs to God alone. It's your "ultimate concern" - the thing you think about most, spend your energy on, and believe will make you happy. Modern idols often look like entertainment, influencers, image, success, or approval. These aren't bad things in themselves - but when they become ultimate things, they become idols. We settle for cheap substitutes when God offers something infinitely better. The call is simple: put behind God what you've placed before God.

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What's the worst veggie ever?
- Would you rather: your laugh sound like a kazoo, or like a laughtrack on a sitcom?

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- **Read Isaiah 44:14-17 & Romans 1:25.** How would you define an 'idol'?
- What are some examples of things we idolize? (ex: people, status, other's opinions, relationships, etc)
- Why do you think we idolize these things? What are we searching for in those?
- Have you ever been disappointed by something you idolized?
- **Read John 10:10.** How is the promise Jesus makes different?
- Why is the life Jesus offers better than what we look for in idols?
- **RELECTION |** Read Psalm 139:23-24 & Matthew 11:28. Have students take a few minutes to answer these questions on their own, then open the group to share!
 - What is an idol in your life?
 - Who do you want to share that with to get help and encouragement?
 - What could you start to replace that idol with?

DISCUSSION

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