

## Sermon Questions: No Idols

### Exodus 20:1-11

1. Pastor Mark tells the story of his “lucky” Frank Howard baseball card, and his childhood belief that wearing the card in his shoe helped him play baseball at a higher level. Did you have any “lucky” objects when you were a child? What did you believe about them?
2. In your mind, what is the difference between an idol and a symbol?
3. Pastor Mark suggests that the goal of the Christian faith is not to get God to bless our desires, but to submit our will to God’s desires for us. Do you agree or disagree? Why then should we make our prayer requests to God? (Philippians 4:6).
4. Why do you think the Old Testament Law forbids tattoos? How are the ancient tattoos of pagan religions different from modern tattoos worn by people today?
5. Read Colossians 1:15 and Hebrews 1:3. In what ways does Jesus reveal God to us?
6. How does the celebration of Holy Communion differ from the practices of pagan idolatry often found in the ancient world?
7. In your opinion, is it okay to have pictures of Jesus hanging on the walls of homes and churches? In light of the command to not make any images of God, how is it acceptable to have such pictures?
8. What are some of the key differences between authentic Christian Faith and ancient pagan superstition?
9. In what ways can symbols like a cross, or pictures of Jesus, or other sacred symbols help you in building and maintaining your Christian Faith?