# **GROWTH GUIDE**

For you. Your family. Your group.

## SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. The heart of idolatry. Acts 19:23-27
- 2. The fruit of idolatry. Acts 19:28-41

## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- 1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. The idol Demetrius and the craftsmen seemed to worship was wealth. What other idols are common in our context (2022, America, Dane County, College, Work, etc.) that we need to be especially on guard against? How do we guard ourselves against idols?
- 3. Idols can be challenging to see in our own lives, but easier to spot in others. How do we invite others into our lives to speak into those idols that maybe we're blind to in ourselves? How can we help others see their idols in a way that's easy for them to receive?
- 4. What are some signs something or someone has become an idol? How do I determine the difference between something I just really want, and something that in some way has taken the place of God?
- 5. What sorts of things do you think about or consider when deciding what your family is going to do on a given evening? What does that say about your heart motives or desires? Is there anything you think you should think about or consider but don't normally?

### **BREAKOUT DISCUSSION**

- 1. Can you recall a time when you were confronted with your idolatry and didn't respond well? What ultimately happened for you to move past that?
- 2. Where do you see mixed motives in something you do in your life? Knowing that, what are you going to do about it?

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- 1. Praise God that with the help of the Holy Spirit we can truly desire to glorify God more than anything.
- 2. Pray that God would reveal any hidden idols in your own life.
- 3. Ask God for the prudence to avoid temptation and remove idols in our lives, and to help us not ever be comfortable in our sin.