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27 Aug 23 | Don't be Idle about Idols | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 | Nelson Schonfeldt

## Groups & Families Discussion Questions

*Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.*

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**Sermon Notes:** Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

## **Life Group Questions**

1. Conversation Starter: If you could compete (and be good) in any Olympic event, which one do you choose and why?
2. Review: What is the overall point/purpose of 1 Cor 8-10 and how does this week's message fit into the flow of thought?
3. Read 1 Cor 10:1-10. What observations do you make of Israel's example? What events do you think Paul has in mind?
4. Read verses 6 and 7. Have a go at a working definition of idolatry and describe what it looks like today.
5. In his book, *Counterfeit Gods*, Timothy Keller says "*The human heart is an idol factory.*" He goes on to say, "*The human heart takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the centre of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment, if we attain them.*" What do you think is at the core of idolatry?
6. How can we identify and deal with idols in our own lives?
7. We are told that God disciplines those He loves (See Heb 12:6). How does the idea of divine discipline sit with you and can it be a factor for dealing with idolatry?
8. Read verse 13. What comfort can you draw from this?