

Genesis 30 – No Other Gods June 28, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Have you ever owned a car that was unreliable? Describe some of your experiences with it.
2. Look at the list of “false gods” in the sermon outline above. In what ways can they also be unreliable?
3. If they really are so unreliable, why do you think people so often still depend on them?
4. What else do you remember about the sermon? Did anything impact or challenge you? Do you have any questions?
5. Read Isaiah 46:1-4 (Bel and Nebo were false gods of Babylon)
 - a) For those who worshiped these idols, who ended up carrying whom?
 - b) For those who worship the true God, who ends up carries whom?
 - c) What does God promise to do for His people all their lives, even to their old age? Have you experienced this personally? In what ways?
 - d) Now read Isaiah 46:5-13. What are some more of the differences between false gods and the true God?
 - e) Are there any false gods that you have tended to rely on? What do you think they are?
6. Read Judges 6:22-32 (Gideon had just been called by God to be a leader in Israel and to deal with the oppressive Midianites)
 - a) What are the two commands that God gives Gideon in this passage?
 - b) Who did the Baal altar and Asherah pole belong to?
 - c) If you were in Gideon’s shoes, how afraid would you be to obey God’s command?
 - d) Have you ever been put in a situation where obeying God meant offending someone? What happened?
 - e) Who ended up defending Gideon’s actions in the end? Have you ever found that obeying God tends to work out better than we sometimes fear? Do you have any examples of this from your own life?
 - f) Now read Judges 6:33-34. Why do you think God had Gideon tear down his family’s items of idol worship before pouring out the Holy Spirit on him?
 - g) Are there any “Asherah poles” (things you have put in the place of God) that you are ready to tear down and give over to God? Take some time to do that now in prayer.
7. Spend some time praying together. Pray that God would increase your faith in Him and help you to cut ties with anything false. And pray for any specific prayer needs in your group.