

The Gospel Project for Adults, Winter 2018-19
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Unit 6, Session 1

Introduction: *Engage your group with an interactive activity to get them to connect with the lesson theme.*

As the group arrives, have a table filled with pictures of different luxury homes, boats, cars, football teams, restaurants, food, and locations of travel around the globe. Place a tear sheet at the front of the room with these words: “These are a few of my favorite things...”

Instruct group members to tape to the “Favorite Things” tear sheet the images that represent their favorite things.

Point 1: *Stimulate your group’s thinking with a picture of distorted worship.*

Read the following statement from page 128 of the Leader Guide: “The golden calf was not an outright rejection of God. The Israelites mixed a sincere desire to worship the Lord with elements they had carried over from their pagan worship.” Then say, “Whatever we worship or think will satisfy us is only a temporary fix.”

Ask the group to fill in the blank in this sentence:

“If I only had _____, I would be so much happier.”

Put the following into your own words: “It almost seems silly when we put it in the form of a sentence, but we think and act like some of the things we want or desire are everything and we would not be satisfied without them. This is just like the golden calf that Israel had created; it is something to satisfy but only temporarily.”

Point 3: *Encourage the group with testimony.*

Before the group meets, ask 1-2 group members to share their respective testimonies of when they each received Christ as Savior.

Say something like the following: “Just as Moses was a mediator for the Israelites and represented his people before a holy God, Jesus is our mediator before God the Father and is the reason we have an eternal salvation.”

Take time to pray and thank the Lord for the salvation of the group member(s) who shared and for the eternal inheritance we receive if we place our trust in Christ.

Conclusion: *Challenge with a moment of reflection.*

Have the group respond to the session by listening to a song and reflecting on the message of grace. This time of mediation will give them an opportunity seek forgiveness for the idols they have placed before God and also to pray for those with whom they need to share this message of grace.

Here are a couple of song suggestions:

- “Clear the Stage” by Jimmy Needham:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-uGsUu_olM (5 minutes, 48 seconds);
- “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” by Lauren Daigle:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L57ox0iQU7A> (6 minutes, 30 seconds)