

Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals | Adapted from *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande

1. *How would you explain the connection between conflict and idolatry?*
2. *Can you think of an example in your own life?*
Think of a recent conflict, work backwards through the progression of an idol to identify the desires that are controlling your heart. Ask yourself these questions:
 - a. *How am I punishing others?*
 - b. *How am I judging others?*
 - c. *What am I demanding to have?*
 - d. *What is the root desire of that demand?*
3. *In order to more clearly identify your idols (desires turned into demands), ask yourself these questions:*
 - a. *What am I preoccupied with? (What is the first thing on my mind in the morning and/or the last thing at night?)*
 - b. *How would I fill in this blank? "If only _____, then I would be happy, fulfilled, and secure."*
 - c. *What do I want to preserve or avoid at any cost?*
 - d. *Where do I put my trust?*
 - e. *What do I fear?*
 - f. *When a certain desire is not met, do I feel frustration, anxiety, resentment, bitterness, anger, or depression?*
 - g. *Is there something I desire so much that I am willing to disappoint or hurt others in order to have it?*
4. *Have you experienced God helping you have victory over an idol in your life? How did He do that?*
5. *What might it look like in your life to redirect your passion and focus to God instead of your idols? Prayer time? Bible reading? Community with other?*
6. *With your journey group, is there anything you are willing to share about a particular idol that you'd like prayer about?*

Close your Journey Group with a time of prayer for each other. Thank God for His grace- for His goodness in wanting to help us be free from idols that cannot satisfy. Ask for His help to continue putting Him first and now allowing desires to become idols that hurt your relationships.