

“Putting Family Second”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
Prayer Requests - Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. Getting to Know You - Last week, we wrote someone’s name down on a bookmark that we were going to talk to about Jesus. - Was anyone able to have that conversation this week? If so, how did it go? How can we be praying for that person?	Discuss - The three idols that Jesus addressed in this passage for those who wanted to follow Him were: 1) Home 2) Family 3) Looking back - Do you see all of these as idols? Why or why not? - Were any of these idols possible temptations for Jesus, Himself? In what ways? - Why was Jesus so insistent that His followers have such a clear commitment to “follow Him”?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
Read - Luke 9:57-62 Quote <i>“An idol has such a controlling position in your heart that you can spend most of your passion and energy, your emotional and financial resources on it without a second thought. It can be family and children, or career and making money, or achievement and critical acclaim, or saving ‘face’ and social standing. It can be a romantic relationship, peer approval, competence and skill, secure and comfortable circumstances, your beauty or your brains, a great political or social cause, your morality and virtue, or even success in the Christian ministry.”</i> (Tim Keller, Counterfeit Gods – Introduction)	Questions - Which one of the three idols in this passage have been a temptation for you? In what ways? - For those raising kids in our group: how can we come around you to help raise your kids to love and follow Jesus? - For those who are older: how can we help you see the value you still have in the Kingdom? - How does this passage challenge us all to re-evaluate and surrender the “idols” in our own lives?