



USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: It is easy to get off track. One decision can lead us to a place where we actually don't want to be. The decisions we make not only affect us but those around us.

» Main Points

- First, you make your decisions. Then your decisions make you. Then your decisions make other people.
- Idolatry is our propensity to make good things into ultimate things.
- The church has all too often taken its eyes off of Jesus.
- If the church behaved more like Jesus, you would like the church more.

» Getting Started

- Steve Jobs said, "One way to remember who you are is to remember who your heroes are." Who are some of your heroes?
- How have your heroes influenced who you are today?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on Hebrews 11:1-8; 20-25; 39-40; 12:1-3
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?



reachout

- Our decisions as followers of Jesus impact how the people around us think about Jesus. Let that thought sink in as you make decisions and do life in front of your friends and neighbors that don't know Jesus. Are you showing them a good example of what Jesus was like?



growdeep

- What does it mean that your decisions make you and other people? In what ways have you seen this play out in your life and/or the lives of others?
- Think about some good things in your life that you have made ultimate. What have you experienced when this happens?
- Reread Hebrews 12:1-3. How can you practically "fix your eyes on Jesus?"
- In what ways have you noticed the church not behaving like Jesus? What are the impacts on those close to us but far from God when they encounter the church like that?



partner with families

- Spend some time as a family sharing about your favorite superheroes. What makes them heroic? Are they brave? Strong? Fast? What are their superpowers? Then expand your child's heroic repertoire by pointing to real-life heroes that share some of those qualities. Emphasize that heroes can be ordinary people doing extraordinary things - or even doing ordinary things extraordinarily!

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Sometimes we get off course and don't realize it for a while. Where have you taken your eyes off of Jesus? How do you know this is where you need to realign your heart and mind with Jesus?
- Close by praying for God to reveal the places you have drifted away from him. Thank God that you are never too far from him.