

# **BElove(D)**

**A STUDY OF 1 JOHN**

## **Week 6**

### **WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER**

### **WARMING UP**

Think back to an early time of life, such as middle school or high school years, do you remember who you used to idolize? It could be an actor, musician, Christian figure, etc. Share with the group who that person(s) was, and why they held your attention.

### **REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING**

CONFIDENTIALITY — LISTEN — PAUSE — SILENCE — NO “CROSS TALK”

NO FIXING — NO RESCUING — SHARING — SELF-AWARE — “I” STATEMENTS — FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP

### **LINK TO SUNDAY’S MESSAGE**

In the message Sunday, Pastor Tim shared on the final words of 1 John. “Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.” The need to guard ourselves and one another from slipping into idolatry is paramount in the Christian’s journey. Below are a couple passages that were not used in the sermon, but can help your group dive deeper into conversation about idols.

**>Read Daniel 3 and Romans 1:18-32**

### **DISCUSS**

- What are the idols and the exchanges of truth that you see in our current cultural moment?
- In a moment of honesty, if you were in the shoes of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, would you have bowed down? Are you bowing down in a similar way right now to something other than God?
- What is something or someone(s) that you are tempted to place before God?

### **CLOSING**

- What is going to change for you in response to what you’ve learned and discussed in this small group?
- How can we be praying for you this week? (Close in prayer together.)