

Sermon Questions for Community Groups

Sermon: gods that Fail (and the Only God who Satisfies)

Part 2: Liberation from the Idol of Romance

Date: March 12, 2017

Scripture: Genesis 29:15-35

1. Barton said, "True love becomes an idol then when you make it the thing you live for, the driving force of your life, the thing that consumes you." How is the idol of romance expressed in our culture?

2. How is the idol of romance a lie? (Consider Jacob and Leah's story in Genesis 29 as an example.)

3. Explore these statements about our deep need for true love:
 - a. "Husbands and wives, when you are captivated by God's love for you ... you are liberated from having to impose those crushing god-like expectations on your spouse."
 - b. "Singles, when you are captivated by God's love for you... you are liberated from a crushing need to be married."

4. Read Proverbs 18:22, Romans 8:38-39, and 1 Corinthians 13:4-6. Compare these verses to Genesis 20:15-35. What do these passages tell us about true love?

5. What does God reveal about himself in these passages – his character or action?

6. How can you defeat the idol of romance?

7. What is a truth you need to hold on to?

8. What is God revealing to you that you need to change to align yourself with him?

9. My prayer requests: