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Section: Doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology)

**Discussion Guide**

**Q34. What is the sin of idolatry?**

Idolatry is worshiping or finding hope, identity, significance, purpose, or security in anything other than in God, our Creator.

1. What is something that stuck out to you tonight? Something that is encouraging or convicting?
2. What does idolatry mean in your own words?
3. What are other things that often become the most important priority or aim of your day, week, and life?
4. Read Colossians 3:5 again. “The evil in our desire typically does not lie in what we want, but that we want it too much” (John Calvin*).*

* Share some of the “good things” that you have turned into idols in your life.
* How are you doing at putting these idols in their right priority and making God most important?
* How can you, as a group, help each other with this needed work?

Chalmers says, “We need a greater expulsive power to truly replace an old misplaced affection [idol].”

1. How does Christ in your life do this for you?
2. How are you fighting the urge to fight sin on your own? How are you leaning into members of your group or members of the church?
3. How can you keep your highest affection on Jesus in order to keep Him number one in your heart?