**Q45. Why does God give the first commandment: You shall have no other gods before me?**

So we will worship only God. He is the one true God.

1. With every commandment we have requirements and prohibitions. In this first commandment what is the primary requirement and what is the primary prohibition?
2. Why is it gracious of God to give us this command? Why would it be a wicked thing for God to allow us to have idols and worship false gods?
3. Read Exodus 20:2-3. The second point of my lesson had three primary details. What were the three details and how do we see them in our main passage?
4. What idols have you placed on God’s throne? Why do you think you have placed them there? What steps can you take to repent and fight against this temptation?
5. What are some of the negative effects of idolatry? How does worshiping something other than God affect you? How does it affect those things you worship?
6. Read Luke 14:25-27. In the lesson you heard the clarity that God will not permit any other gods in His presence. How do we see Jesus reiterating this command? Are you prone to place one of these good gifts on God’s throne?
7. Take some time here to list clear reasons why God is to be the only God of your worship?

*Final Application and Takeaways:*

1. Take some time to pray about the things shared in your group time tonight.
2. Encourage your table group tonight not to leave without speaking to you if they are struggling with idolatry. Help them making a plan for next steps.

**\*\*Close in a time of prayer focused on exultation and praise and thankfulness for who God is.**