

FUSION Q's... Gideon Part 2: All In

Discussion Starter...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about? Write them in your journal and pray with your students (don't force a student to pray if they are not wanting to)

Discussion Theme: Room for Only One

Purpose of Discussion: to help students understand that God does not share space with other gods.

1. Theme Question for Discussion...

→ If you could choose your looks, your life, your status, your nationality and your possessions, what you choose that's different from now?

2. Read Judges 6:25-32

3. Discussing the text

- What was the first thing God told Gideon to do once he decided he was "all in"?
- What was the significance of pulling down the "other alter"? Why didn't God want Gideon to use that one?
- What was the reaction of the people when they saw what Gideon had done?
- How did Gideon's father respond to the people's thirst for blood?

4. Redirection

In most ancient cultures, people used to have idols that they worshiped and sacrificed to. They believed that if they pleased

the idol, somehow good things would happen for them. Some of the rituals of these cultures were horrifying and evil as some would even kill their own children as sacrifices to the false gods.

However, idols are not just a past indulgence of primitive people but are also worshipped today. In fact, many cultures still have idols made of wood, stone or metal that they worship or believe will bring them good luck.

But idols do not have to be made of wood or stone or metal to be idols. In the next section we will explore what the idols of our culture are and what we need to do to make sure we don't try and make Jesus share space with them in our hearts - because there's only room for One!

5. Digging Deeper

Read Romans 1:18-25

*****Leader's key thought:** the idols in our lives are often hidden from us, but evident to those close to us.

- What stood out to you tonight from the talk?
- According to Romans 1, an idol can be any created thing we put before God. Do you think people in our culture worship idols? If so, what are those idols?
- How do you know when you have an idol in your life?
(LEADER: refer to theme question: answers to this question often reveal what idols we are susceptible to or are already serving)
- Why do you think idols have such a strong appeal to us?
- According to our Romans text, what is the consequences of chasing after idols rather than God?
- How can you make sure that there is only room for Jesus in your heart and not the idols of our culture?