

# Sunday Sermon — Discussion Guide: Gyle Smith, 6-28-20

## Idols in the Wilderness

### 1/3 — Looking Back

Start with prayer and/or worship (reading a Psalm, singing a song, giving thanks, etc.). Re-cast the vision (see example video [here](#)), review obedience goals from the previous week, and ask how everybody is doing. Check-in question options:

- Up/In/Out — How are you doing in your three primary relational spheres? (Up: God. In: fellow believers and family. Out: unbelievers)
- Highs/Lows: What was your “high” and your “low” from the past week?

### 2/3 — Looking to Jesus in the Present

Read [Exodus 32:1-6](#)

- As the facilitator, first summative the passage in your own words.
- Invite someone else to read the passage out loud.
- Invite a third person to “retell” the passage in their own words.
- Discuss the question: “What idols have we created in our culture, homes, and hearts?”
- Discuss the question: “How have we mixed culture with our worship of the Lord?”
- Discuss the question: “How have we tried to fit God into our own culture?”

### 3/3 — Looking Forward

Ask Jesus how he wants you to respond (corporately and individually) to what you have heard and learned. You can also practice the following exercises:

- Sit quietly in Jesus’ presence and ask Him to search your heart for any idols in your life. Renounce and repent of whatever he brings up. Practice repentance in whatever way you sense Him leading you to.
- Believe the Gospel. Practice by rehearsing the gospel message together. Some ways you can do this is by using the 3 Circles, sharing your 15 second testimony, or praying together.