



# Follow God Not Your Own Inventions

## ICEBREAKER

If you could give any advice to your younger self, what would you say and at which age?

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Read:** 1 Kings 14

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### • YOU CAN'T OUTSMART GOD

**Read:** Proverbs 14:12 (all versions present)

Deceiving us to think we can be smarter than God is one of Satan's favourite strategies. Back in the Garden of Eden the serpent asked, "Did God really say...?" (Gen 3:1) then contradicting God (v4) and adding Gen 3:5, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." — which is a lie from the enemy. You can't outsmart God! God sees clearly through your cleverest strategy.

**Read:** Psalm 139:2-6

Romans 12:3

**Has there been a time that you had what you thought was a really great idea and in the process of the idea being brought to reality you realized the idea was not as great as you first thought? What was the idea and what happened?**

**If you had allowed God to direct your idea what do you think the outcome would have been?**

### • MORE THAN MARKS: WHAT GOD'S WANTING

**Read:** 1 Kings 11:38

1 Kings 14:8

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Keep His commands. Follow Him with all your heart. Do only what is right in His eyes. It's not about knowing the MOST, but about knowing the Lord, and seeking what He's after.

**Are you encountering a current situation that you have been approaching it from the wrong way in light of these verses? How would that situation possibly change should you choose to seek God's way regarding the situation?**

### • BEWARE THE METAL GODS

**Read:** 1 Kings 14:9

Galatians 5:13

The people worshiped the golden calf at Bethel; they even made a holiday of it and trekked all the way up to Dan in the northernmost part of the country to worship the golden calf there. Today we have metal idols of a different kind. Jesus wants you free to love Him and others, not be bound up by fleshly desires and worshiping idols.

**What types of things do we idolize in our society? Is there a difference between those idols in His church and what the world worships?**

**Is there an area in your life that you are being challenged to repent of idol worship? If you are comfortable sharing with your group please do so as we grow in our faith when we confess, repent and change our ways to follow God's way.**

### • GOD'S GRADING SCALE: "G" FOR GOOD

**Read:** 1 Kings 14:13

Romans 12:2

Romans 12:9

What's going to catch God's attention? Great Grades? No – but whether you're GOOD. God grades on the G scale. He's not looking for brilliance, or biggest in business, or the most Instagram followers or likes – but whether you're GOOD. Set your sights on God's goals – knowing Him, growing in Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you step by step in what's genuinely GOOD.

**Re-read Romans 12:2 and share with each other how we can do this daily.**

## PERSONAL REFLECTION / CHALLENGE

Take time this week to review this week's Small Group discussion time and the verses that you read as a group. After thinking on what you shared this evening, would you change anything you shared with the group? Would you be more open to share about your struggles and successes that you have had additional time to think about and meditate on these verses? If so, share at your next Small Group if you are comfortable doing so.

## THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep the Bechtel family in prayer as this week's highlighted missionaries. For more information about the Bechtels, please visit: HuronChapel.com/missions.

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