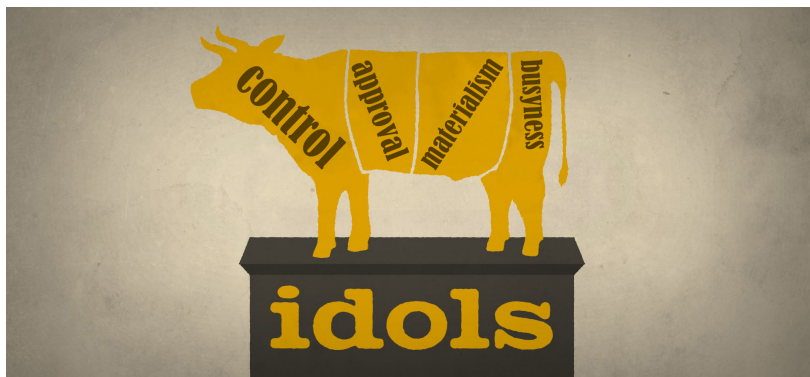


On Wednesdays throughout this month, we've been looking at a few of the idols that seem to trip many of us up in the 21st century.



This week: **the idol of busyness**. What did God say to the rich fool in [Luke 12:20](#)?

"_____! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

And Jesus' conclusion in [Luke 12:21](#)?

"So is the one who lays up treasure for _____ and is not rich toward God."

Luke describes in [Acts 17:21](#) how "all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something _____." But they certainly weren't the last ones.

[Jeremiah 9:23-24](#) seems like a great way to draw this series to a close:

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he _____ and _____ me..."

For Class & Family Discussion:

- How is it so very easy in the 21st century to fall into the same trap as that rich fool in [Luke 12:16-21](#)?
- On the flip side, how would you summarize or rephrase the wisdom of [Ecclesiastes 4:6](#)?
- Let's take the time to notice an important pattern in the life of Jesus. Notice the details recorded in [Matthew 14:22-23](#); [Mark 1:35](#), [6:30-32](#); [Luke 4:42](#), [5:16](#), and [6:12](#). What is there to learn here?
- In your own words, what is being prescribed (and why) by the Spirit of God in:
 - [1 Thessalonians 4:9-12](#) -
 - [2 Thessalonians 3:12](#) -
 - [1 Timothy 2:1-2](#) -
- In everyday terms, how does busyness serve as a counterfeit god in the lives of many? In contrast, how is [Matthew 11:28-30](#) a beautiful, much better alternative?