



## Idolatry and the Decline of a Nation Judges 6:11-32

### Belong

American Idol is a popular cultural T.V. show that takes hundreds of singers sifting them all down to one, the American Idol. What is being idolized? What does that say about a culture? What is an idol? How would you define idolatry?

### Grow

#### Gideon's journey from idolatry to true worshipper.

1. What is Gideon's question in vs 13 and why do you think he doesn't know the reason?
2. Look at vs 25. Alters have to be built, trees have to be planted, tended to. How could Gideon be ignorant of idol worship when the Baal alter and the Asherah grove or poles where on his dads farm?
3. Why was Gideon so concerned in vs 22? See Exodus 33:17-20.
4. What is God's response to Gideon in vs 23? One day Gideon is an idolater the next he is serving the Lord. What did God do and what can we assume happened?
5. When the gospel calls what happens to your life? 2 Corinthians 5:17. What did Gideon do that shows he was saved by God's grace? Vs 24-26.
6. What "idols" did you serve or have served before you became a Christian? Gideon's destruction of the idols, what is that a picture of for us today? See John 5:10-14.
7. Since Gideon destroyed a false god was that a sac-religious act? Why or why not? What was the response of those who worship Baal? What if any correlations do you see today in how people respond to Christ? Proverbs 29:10.

### Reach

You become what you worship. Read Psalm 115:1-8. What are our national dols and what are we becoming as a nation?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-18. How do we today behold God's glory like Gideon, so that we are transformed into the likeness of Christ? How can we respond to the idolatry of our day? What do you think the costs will be or have been?