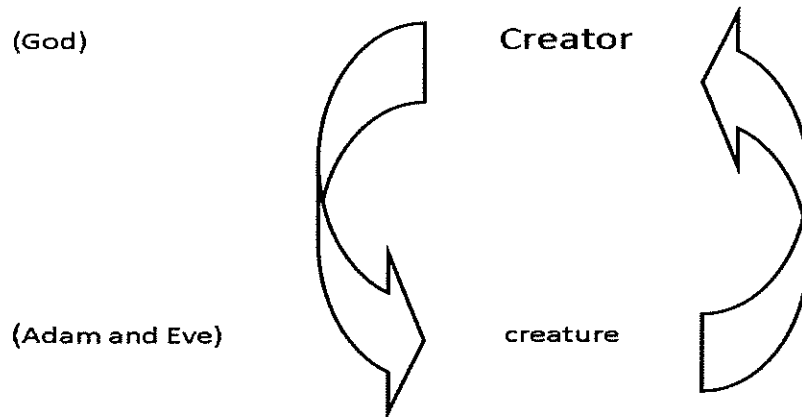


Discipleship 101
Learning to Take Christianity Seriously

Session #5 — Reversing the Roles: Idolatry and the True Nature of Sin

1. Read Genesis 3:1-6.



2. I call this “The Great _____.” “Arms Out” exercise.
3. What’s the impact?
 - a. At your table or in your group, list three of the vilest (yes, that’s a word!) actions you can think of. For each example, write down the object, idea, institution, or relationship being perverted (being used un-righteously). Next to that write down what you think the motive for the evil action might be.

<u>Evil Action</u>	<u>Object/Idea/Institution/ Relationship Being Misused</u>	<u>Motive</u>
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- i.
- ii.
- iii.

4. What lessons did you learn from this exercise?

5. Four Take Aways:

a.

Group Discussion: What in our discussion up to this point would support the claim, "All sin is a stewardship issue"? How does this change how we think about stewardship?

b.

c.

d.

6. Identity = purpose/design and righteousness. Idolatry is the essential sin of all _____. It is, therefore, the main sin with which we'll _____ all our life while we remain members of God's kingdom on earth.

7. Look up Psalm 135:15-18 and Psalm 115:4-8. Idolizing: coach example; soldier example.

8. Idolatry (and faith in general) has conformity built in. Therefore, Idolatry involves a _____. Exercise example. Sports example. Material success example. Admiration of peers' example.

9. Stewardship as a key-way to identify idols.

10. Polytheism vs. Monotheism.

11. God *conforms* you to Christ through the death and resurrection of Jesus delivered to you through the _____ of _____.
Conformity to Christ: Romans 12:1-2; Romans 6:16-18.

12. Believing. Belonging. Behaving.

At your tables or in your group, answer the question, "How do you think this view of sin should affect the way we believe, belong, and behave?"