**Series: Best of Mythbusters NEXT STEPS** Message: American Idolatry July 22, 2012 Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation. Join with someone and continue to grow by using these study questions this week. God wants us to think. Isaiah 44; Psalm 19:14; Matthew 10:16; Romans 12:1-3 An idol is someone or thing that takes the rightful place of God as first in our lives... A lot of good things can become idols when they become what we look to for security and rescue. There is no one like our God and he will not be second. Circle some idols below that you've been tempted to serve: Exodus 20; Isaiah 40-46 Wealth Sports Sex Self Happiness Cars Career Beauty Idolatry is placing someone or something in the rightful place of God as first in our hearts. Family Horoscope Status What Idols Do... 1. They enslave us. (Psalm 106:36) Are you struggling with placing God first in your life? Take a moment right now and confess these things that have taken priority above 2. They put us to shame. (Isaiah 45:16) God. 3. They ultimately conform us to their image. (Psalm 115:4-8)

## Turn your heart from idols and trust God.

Matthew 6:19-34: Romans 8:29

Read 1 John 1:9 and Romans 12:1-3. Write down the promises that are found in these passages for you as you let God change you!

What are you placing your trust in?

## **DIGGING DEEPER** The Bible talks often about the foolishness of Idolatry. Beside each passage write a couple of thoughts that come to your mind: Jeremiah 2:11 1 Chronicles 16:26 Psalm 115:4-8 Habakkuk 2:18,19 Read John 14:1. Why do you think it's hard to trust God when our hearts are troubled? Who/what do you turn to when your heart is troubled? Read 1 Peter 5:7 & Philippians 4:4-9. Where does God want us to go with our worries and concerns?

What does Paul in Philippians tell us to fix our thoughts on?

**TAKING IT HOME** 

There truly is no one like God! Get away from the crowd and take some time to reflect on Isaiah 40:25-31. Read it a few times through each day this week and then talk to God about what you discover.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**