

# Diving Deeper into Discipleship for March 6, 2022

Pastor Pete Fowler | *Dethroning Idols: Pathways of Repentance—  
The Idols We've Made*

## Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Have you forgotten God, or consolidated Him alongside lesser gods? Is the Lord fading into the background of your life, or competing with other things for your devotion?
- Ask God to use this season of Lent to reveal what idols might be underlying the sinful patterns in your life.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, train your will, and empower you to change the "loves" of your life.
- Do you already know that there's something in your life that needs burned down? What steps can you take this week to start that fire?

## Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **Jonah 2:8** | What does this verse teach us about the relationship between the pursuit of idols and the pursuit of God?
- **Psalms 115:1-8** | According to this passage, when we trust in idols, what are we doing to ourselves?
- **1 Corinthians 10:1-14** | What do we learn from this passage about the connection between temptation and idolatry?

## Weekly Spiritual Practice

**March Practice: Submission** | The Triune God (from *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, pg. 121-122)

- Submission and service function concurrently. Hence, much of the practical outflow of submission will come in the next month (service). There are, however, seven acts of submission that we should draw attention to. There will be one or two mentioned each week in the month of March
- The first act of submission is to the Triune God. At the beginning of the day we wait, in the words of the hymn writer, "yielded and still" before our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first words of our day form the prayer of Thomas à Kempis, "As thou wilt; what thou wilt; when thou wilt." We yield our body, mind, and spirit for his purposes. Likewise, the day is lived in deeds of submission interspersed with constant motions of inward surrender. As the first words of the morning are of submission, so are the last words of the night. We surrender our body, mind, and spirit into the hands of God to do with us as he pleases through the long darkness.