

MESSAGE STUDY NOTES – July 19, 2020

Nanaimo Idol Series: The People Pleasing Idol ~ Guest Speaker Cam Aitken

Warm Up

Can you think of fictional character (TV, movies, books, fairy tales, etc) that is always worried about what other people think or lives their life solely to please people?

Read

Galatians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 10:31-33; Proverbs 29:25

Message Recap/Main Idea:

Pleasing God needs to be our priority over pleasing people

1. It is not wrong to want to please people
2. Wanting to please people becomes an idol when it takes priority over pleasing God
3. The People Pleasing Idol dishonours God and traps us in harmful behaviour
4. We can be free from this trap
 - renewed minds—through the word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit
 - filter your decisions—am I doing this to please people only or to please God?

Questions for Discussion and Application:

1. What is one thing you do in your life to make other people happy that has you feeling trapped? How can you be free of this feeling of being trapped?
2. What other practical steps can you think of to help you or others be free from the People Pleasing Idol?