

## **MESSAGE STUDY NOTES: June 28, 2020**

### **NANAIMO IDOL SERIES – The Family Idol**

#### **Warm Up**

Would you consider your natural family to be your family or your circle of chosen friends? Why?

#### **Read**

Genesis 22:1-12; Luke 14:26

#### **Message Recap/Main Idea:**

Loving God most means loving others best

#### **“My whole life is wrapped up in my family?”**

1. Pressure
2. Comparisons
3. Criticism
4. Control

#### **So what can we do?**

1. Repent
  - Who do I sacrifice more for? God or my “family?”
  - Who influences my feelings more? God or my “family?”
  - Would others say that my love for God makes my love for my “family” look like hatred in comparison?
2. Trust

#### **Questions for discussion**

1. Do you think the church has helped in the worship of the family idol? Why or why not?
2. What do you think are some signs of greater devotion to God than family?

#### **Application**

1. In what ways do you need to trust God so you do not worship the idol of “family?”