

## **Sermon Questions for Community Groups**

**Sermon:** gods that Fail (and the Only God who Satisfies)

Part 3: Liberation from the Idol of Comfort

**Date:** March 19, 2017

**Scripture:** John 4:1-38

1. What are some forms of personal comfort in our culture today? List as many as you can think of. At what point do they become idols? How do the idols of comfort deceive us?
2. Read Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 6:30-43, and John 4:1-38. Compare the comfort of Western culture to the life of Jesus.
3. In John 4:1-38, describe how did Jesus ignored comfortable social and physical boundaries. Describe a situation in your life where you could follow his example.
4. Read Matthew 16:24-26. C.S Lewis said: "If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth, only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair." Discuss what this means and give examples.
5. On page 11 of Pastor Steve's manuscript, he lists 10 signs that our Christianity is too comfortable. Do you identify with any of these, and if so, how?
6. How do we defeat the idol of comfort?
7. Name one or two practical steps you can take to defeat the idol of comfort this week.
8. My prayer requests: