

New Life Baptist Church
Wood
May 26, 2024
Weekend

Pastor Mark
Memorial Day

“DON’T SETTLE FOR CHEAP SUBSTITUTES”

Ezekiel 14; Deut. 6:4,5; Matt. 22:37; Mk. 12:28-30

Big Idea: God wants our Love, Devotion, and Trust. He does not want us to settle for idols which are nothing but cheap substitutes.

Ezekiel 14:1-8

1. A Condemnation of Idolatry (vs 1-5)

- 1) There was a problem- they had idols rooted in the heart (3)

Definition of “Idols of the heart” = anything or anyone that

begins to capture our hearts, minds, and affections more than God.

Idols are anything or anyone more important to you than God.

- 2) Their idols led them into further sins. (3)

- 3) Their idols separated them from God. (5)

2. A Call to Repentance (vs. 6-8)

True Biblical Repentance involves:

- 1) Intellect/Mind – acknowledge our sin
- 2) Emotions – sorrow over our sin
- 3) Will – turn away from our sin

Note the example of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15

Key Question: What or who is ruling your heart?

God or idols?