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## GROUPS STUDY GUIDE



### MAIN IDEA

The same idol is behind all of the false gods: ourselves.

### WORSHIP 5 MINUTES

We don't think of ourselves as an idol, but the easiest idol to start worshipping is the "god of me." Read and reflect on *Psalms 96:5* for a minute. Then have three people pray for God to reveal to us how we have put false gods and ourselves before the one true God.

### WORD 50 MINUTES

1. Watch the sixth episode of *Gods at War*, "God of Me," on *RightNow Media*. Feel free to take notes. (23 Minutes) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1278?episode=6>
2. How did you view God growing up? How was he portrayed to you in church or in conversations?
3. Read *Psalms 39:10-13*. Another way of saying the last verse is, "God, please leave me alone so I can be happy again before I die." What do you think of this passage and that verse? What do you think about this being in the Bible?

4. Have you ever had thoughts or prayers like this? What do you think it says about God that he shows in the Bible he can handle these types of prayers and emotions?
  5. Read *Matthew 16:25*. How do you view this verse in light of our conversation about idols?
  6. Does anyone have a story of a time they chose not to pursue something because you felt it would lead you further from God?
  7. Finish by reading *Psalms 16* together. In what way could this prayer be a prayer for your life? (Ex: It can be the heart behind the prayer or a line that sticks out to you.)
- ### WORKS 5 MINUTES
1. Action Challenge: Our culture is becoming more and more isolated and increasingly self-centered. Talk to a friend or your spouse this week about how you want to make community either a bigger part of your life or to stay an important part of your life. Think in terms of action steps that are achievable.
  2. Reading Challenge: Another way to get our eyes off of ourselves is to put our eyes on God. Spend time this week in God's Word. Perhaps read one of the gospels like Matthew or Mark, and write down observations about how Jesus loved people.