

**JULY 25th FOX CREEK EVERGREEN CLASSES/HOME CONVERSATION  
THE GIFT OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE: No engineered idols/the 2nd commandment.**

*Prep posts for this conversation:*

[Fourthstream.com/Our Solemn Charge #2](http://Fourthstream.com/OurSolemnCharge#2) (the big heart picture on where our conscience helps us win)

[Fourthstream.com/Conscience posts 1 and 2](http://Fourthstream.com/Conscienceposts1and2) (last week's intro of what conscience is)

[Fourthstream.com/Elijah: Hearing the Voice](http://Fourthstream.com/Elijah:HearingtheVoice)

**This is pretty cool and helpful from the Message:**

*“All those who make no-god idols don't amount to a thing, and what they work so hard at making is nothing. Their little puppet-gods see nothing and know nothing—they're total embarrassments!*

*Who would bother making gods that can't do anything, that can't “god”? Watch all the no-god worshipers hide their faces in shame. Watch the no-god makers slink off humiliated when their idols fail them.*

*Get them out here in the open. Make them face God-reality.” - Isaiah 44:9-11*

**Here is an incredible story-picture of this:**

*1 Kings 18:17-40*

What was the set-up?

How did God show up?

What did Elijah show us about his view of false gods?

How can we take this true story into the way we live our own lives?

**A good verse** to take apart and memorize: (draw a picture of these 3 concepts as you explain the verse)

*“For all that is in the world, the longing of our desires and the things which catch our eyes and the internal imposters of arrogance, is not from the Father, but is from the world.” - 1 John 2:16*

**What do these look like for you? For the particular age(s) of your kids?**

*Some ideas for youngers:*

Discuss the questions: What makes a god? What are the things which are fun for you to think about?

Draw a picture of your idea of an idol that people worship. Talk about inside and outside things as you do.

Caricatures here can be helpful to begin to discuss things which are a little more relatable.

*Some ideas for olders/teens:*

Truthfully defining our heart-idols is much more challenging than a mere list of objects.

1. What are the things which capture your imagination? Your attention?

2. If you are honest, what do you focus your thinking upon most?

3. What and who are your allies in keeping your conscience awake and alive regarding idols?

(ex: friends and mentors you talk to about deeper things) Who would you consider a mentor in your life?

4. Why do you think our hearts have such a tendency to wander from God/and truth?