# Week 3 (Mar 8-12) Misplaced Allegiance (Idolatry)

## Weekly Prayer

Father, we thank you for your Word, which is sober but not without hope. Jesus has reformed his true people into his own image on the basis of his own person, death, resurrection, and sending of the Spirit, and he wants us to trust him and not be idol worshippers. And so Lord, cause us to revere you so we resemble you and are blessed and restored to you, and not ruined. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your truth and give "us understanding so that we might know him who is true" and to abide "in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Give us grace to guard ourselves from idols. Be with us to this end for your glory. In Christ's name. Amen.

Source: Trevin Wax

## Mar 8 (Donald Trump)

Reading: Psalm 146:3-10

Reflection: How has unwavering allegiance to Donald Trump (as THE choice for a Christian political leader) damaged the ability for the Church to engage with our neighbors?

## Mar 9 (Conservatism)

Reading: Galatians 1:6-10

Reflection: How has the unflinching adherence to the ideology of conservatism created division within the Church?

#### Mar 10 (Conspiracy Theories)

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Reflection: How has the trading of truth for the untruths of conspiracy theories hurt our preaching of the Gospel?

#### Mar 11 (False Prophets)

Reading: Ezekiel 13:9 & Ephesians 6:14

Reflection: How has the dependency placed on false prophets affected our ability to hear the true voice of God?

## Mar 12 ("Right" Theology)

Reading: Romans 3:27-31

Reflection: What parts of your theology have you absolutely known to be "right" and ignored scriptural evidence to the contrary? How has that affected others?

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## **Resources:**

Book: <u>The Immoral Majority: Why Evangelicals Chose Political Power over Christian Values, Ben Howe</u> Article: <u>The Dangerous Idolatry of Christian Trumpism, David French</u> Video: <u>How to Read the Bible, The Bible Project</u> Book: <u>Misreading the Bible Through Western Eyes</u>