

Habakkuk 2:18-20

Objective: Leave behind any idols hindering us from experiencing God's presence

1. What's worse? Being in the presence of someone who smells like they haven't had a bath in a month or being with someone who thinks they are God's gift to women?>

Read v. 18

1. How easy is it to trust in "idols?"
2. What are some idols people put their trust in today?
3. Where in your life do you have an "idol" that you need to trust God with?

Read v. 19

1. How does carrying an idol compare/compete with our love for God?
2. Read Jeremiah 10:1-6 – Why are idols compared here to scarecrows?

Read v. 20

1. "But the Lord" – Why are these three words so significant?
2. What does it mean to experience God's presence?
3. What do you need to do, or give up, to experience God's presence?
4. What does the statement "Let all the earth be silent before Him" mean?

What I will be talking about

In this last woe, God explains how Babylon was famous for their idols. God is mocking those who put their trust in things that can't even talk, especially as the judgment comes Babylon will cry to their gods to "wake up and save us!" The sarcasm here is seriously intense as God ends verse 19 with "They may be overlaid with gold and silver" showing how people put their money into them to make them look beautiful and rich, "but they are lifeless inside." He explains how no matter what you do, how much you polish them, spit shine them, cover them with expensive materials, care for them, ask them questions, ask for help, pray to them, they are still dead, quiet, and worthless inside.