SUNDAY MORNING (June 3rd) • Counterfeit Gods
Approval

Everyone lives for something and if that something isn't the "living and true God" (1 Thes 1:9), it will be a false god—an idol. An idol is anything more important to you than God. Therefore, you can turn even very good things into idols. You can turn a good thing like family, success, acceptance, money, your plans, etc. into a God thing—into something you worship and place at the center of your life.

That is precisely what sin is—building your life and basing your meaning on anything (even a good thing) more than God. One of our typical (and often-overlooked) weak spots? Approval.

- In what way do people "worship" the idol of approval?

- *Why* do people worship the idol of approval?

- Can you think of some Biblical examples of people who sought the approval of men over and against the approval of God? How did it turn out for them?

- Can you think of some Biblical examples of people who sought the approval of God above and beyond the approval of all others? How did it turn out for them?

- If I recognize that I'm prone to cling to approval as a counterfeit god, what do I need to remember and work on this week?