

Erroneous Exchange (Jeremiah 2, 2 Tim. 3:1-5)

How we're wired

Today, unmasking sin as an erroneous exchange

1. What is the core exchange that lies at the heart of our sin?

Jer. 2:11

"An idol is something within creation that is inflated to function as a substitute for God" (Richard Keyes)

2. Why should I worry about this exchange? That's not a danger for me!

We're all capable (Jer. 2:1-5, 32)

Sin is really the violation of a relationship

Shouldn't dismiss the threat

"I MUST have *it*"

3. Why might we be motivated to make this exchange?

Because we believe we're exchanging something ____ for something _____!

eg. Jer. 2:20, 31

- Exchanging "slavery" for "freedom"

Idols constantly make promises

When we believe them, we'll make the exchange (eg. Jer. 2:18)

4. What are the results of making this exchange?

- We will be disappointed by our idols (Jer. 2:12-13, 17-19, 27-28, 36)
- We will be deformed by our idols (Jer. 2:5, cf Psalm 115:4-8, 2 Tim. 3:1-5)
- Our loves will be disordered by our idols (Jer. 2:20, 23-25, 33)

The insights of Augustine

5. What can I do today to keep me from making this erroneous exchange?

- i. Be mindful of what can make you lose your first love
- ii. Keep our love for Jesus hot
- iii. Let's rightly order our loves