BEFORE YOU MEET
1. Read chapters 9–10 in gods at war by Kyle Idleman
2. Pray for God to help you connect with others in your small group
3. Pray for God to use this study and your small group to help you grow closer to Jesus
4. Pray for the needs of others in your small group

CONNECT
Spend time at the beginning talking about the past week and what is happening in one another’s life. Make sure you know everyone’s name.

PRAYER
Ask God to bless your time together and help you take away any lessons He would have you learn.

FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK
1. As you have reflected on what was discussed last week in your small group and read Chapters 9-10 in the book gods at War, were there any new insights that challenged and/or encouraged you?

WATCH THE DVD PRESENTATION: gods of Love

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. How does the video leave you feeling? What is your immediate reaction?
2. What were the main points that stood out to you in the video?
3. Kyle talked in the video and book about some of the dangers of our culture’s emphasis on romantic love. What are some of the dangers he mentioned? Do you agree with his statement (page 197) that when we make romantic love essential to life that it becomes a false god?
4. In the video, Shannon talked about how she sexualized her needs. What did she mean by that? What were some of the root causes for her doing this?
5. In the video it talked about how broken relationships often have their root in the fact that we have allowed someone or something to become too important. Do you agree with that observation? If so, where do you think the line is for someone to become “too important” in a person’s life?
6. Kyle gave the illustration in the video that our relationships are like buttoning your shirt. When the top button (God) is not in the right hole, then all the rest of the buttons end up in the wrong holes as well. What point was he trying to make, and what lesson do you take away from his illustration?
7. Pastor Mike referenced a study done by George Barna in 2007 (also referenced in the gods at War book) in which it said 7 out of 10 people say their family is more important to them than God. Did that statistic surprise you? Why do you think the percentage is so high?
8. In the message, Pastor Mike talked about how we love others best and our relationships are strongest when we love God most. What are some specific ways that we can love God the most?
9. Pastor Mike also talked about how expecting people (instead of God) to provide satisfaction, value and happiness will eventually result in dissatisfaction and disappointment. Why do you think that is true? Has that been your experience in life? Do you think this is something that a lot of people struggle with?
10. What is the one lesson or truth you take away from what you heard in Pastor Mike’s message and/or the video and/or the book reading for this week?
PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER
Share any prayer requests that you would like people in your group to pray about this week. Take a few minutes at the end of your time together and have several people pray aloud for the requests that were shared. Make sure you pray that God would help use this study to grow in our relationship with God.

PERSONAL APPLICATION
1. What person (or people) matters most to you in this world?
2. Is there a relationship in your life that seems to be the determining factor in whether or not you are happy and joyful or sad and depressed?
3. What does it look like for you to love God more than anyone or anything? What do you need to begin doing as an expression of your love for God that you aren't currently doing?

BEFORE NEXT WEEK
1. Read the remainder of gods at war.
2. Pray for the prayer requests that were shared in your group.

NOTES & GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

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