



## **SPRING SEMESTER**

**Sermon Series:** "And First Place Goes To..." (Idols)

**Series Description:** Idolatry is seeking security and meaning in someone or something other than God. It is worshipping anything that ought to be used OR using anything that is meant to be worshipped. God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing that He will not put up with in it—a second place. He who offers God a second place offers Him no place. Every one of us is, from his mother's womb, an expert in inventing idols, worshipping something other than God. Our aim in this series is to not only call out the idols in our lives but learn how the Gospel demolishes them.

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 11:28-30

**Sermon Summary:** Most of us dream about having personal free time. It's a space in which we try to find rest from the grind of life and recenter ourselves. But do most of us find it? Are we really finding rest for our souls? Or are we stepping away from spinning plates only to spin some more? Jesus offers His followers a kind of rest that not only satisfies the soul but also keeps us hitched to Him.

**Opener:** Talk about how you like to spend your free time.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What are 2-3 responsibilities or burdens in your life that regularly wear you down?
2. In what ways do you seek to recharge your batteries? What works and what doesn't work for you?
3. Read Matthew 11:28-30. The idea of taking on the yoke of Jesus means attaching ourselves to His way of living; being his apprentice. Why do you think taking on the yoke of Jesus would actually give us rest?
4. What might change about the way you spend your free time if you viewed it through a Gospel-lens?
5. We live in a culture of people that is both working itself to death AND seeking any and all means to find relief from this work ethic. If we have taken on the yoke of Jesus, how might that affect our witness to the people we work and live with?

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **ALL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **2022 Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 1-75.** Get your bookmark with the reading plan in guest services.

- **Baptism Sunday: Next Sunday, May 22!** - If you are interested in baptism, please make your way to our online baptism class to find out more information.  
<https://resonatemovement.org/baptism-class/>