

***“American Idols: Crushing the Idol of Comfort”***

Psalm 16

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**We must seek God as our first and true source of comfort.**

1. SOURCE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY (v. 1)
  
2. SOURCE OF ALL GOOD THINGS (v. 2-4)
  
3. SOURCE OF SATISFACTION (v. 5-6)
  
4. SOURCE OF COUNSEL (v. 7-8)
  
5. SOURCE OF REST (v. 9-10)
  
6. SOURCE OF JOY AND ETERNAL PLEASURES (v. 11)

**READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:** Genesis 22:1-19

**ABF/Small Group Guide**

**ICEBREAKER:** As a child, what was your special place or item (a security blanket, or stuffed animal) that you went to for comfort when you had a bad day? Do you still have a place or thing like that?

1. Is comfort a bad thing?
2. How does comfort become an idol?
3. What are the dangers of idolizing comfort?
4. Name some examples of things people use to help them feel comfortable, safe, and secure.
5. How does pursuing a feeling of comfort keep you from fulfilling your responsibilities?
6. How would pursuing comfort from other sources affect your relationship with God in the long run?
7. How is chasing comfort at odds with godly ambition and self-sacrifice?
8. How does the comfort idol affect the gospel mission we are called to?
9. How might the gospel mission require you to step out of your comfort zone?
10. How is God calling you out of your comfort zone?
11. How can your relationship with Christ bring comfort when you're outside your comfort zone?
12. How does your salvation bring you comfort even in times of loss, pain, trial, or trouble?
13. How can we pray for you today?