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## **#ConvenientChristianity – Discussion Questions**

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. What has been the greatest change or advancement in the name of convenience for you over the years of your life?
2. Is convenience in the church a sin? Why or why not?
3. How has American Christianity worshipped the idol of convenience? How has the church?
4. Respond to this statement: *“Convenient based Christians are focused on their own interests, worries, fears, priorities, and lifestyles. Disciples are focused on Jesus. Period. Convenient Christians are comfortable. Disciples make sacrifices. Convenient Christians prefer just to hear the word of God. Disciples are about living it. Convenient Christians are occasionally involved in the mission of Jesus. Disciples are committed to it. Convenient Christians will rationalize sin. Disciples will repent.”*
5. Are there specific practices we have today as individuals that are directly tied to worshipping the idol of convenience? If so, what? Are there things that we are doing as a church here (GBC) that are tied to worshipping convenience? If so, what? Are there changes we need to make? If so, what?
6. One of the byproducts of convenience Christianity & theology is changes in biblical interpretation & belief. One of the systems that American teenagers have bought into today is called Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD). Ever heard of this? What is it?
7. What are the marks of a life of commitment to God? To the church? Read Matthew 22:37-40; Luke 9:23-24; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:21.
8. What does sacrifice unto the Lord look like in our daily lives? In the life of the church? Read Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15-17; Philippians 2:1-11.