

Missional Movement Series

"Iconoclastic Mission"

Acts 19:11-41 (Bible pp. 928-29)

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Jesus Christ shatters the idols that every person and culture erects as God substitutes. Detecting the idols of the heart and then dethroning and destroying them is how Jesus changes lives and cultures. Is this dynamic of change that Jesus brings alive and at work in your life?

Quotes from the Cutting Room Floor

“You shall have no other gods before Me” – God, Exodus 20

Definition of an idol: "That to which we look for all good" (Luther)

"Any heart-level substitute for God" Ray Ortlund

“An idol is something within creation that is inflated to function as a substitute for God.”~ Richard Keyes, 'The Idol Factory'

Most humans, especially Americans, literally make an idol of their own comfort. Comfort then becomes a master that we serve- Kent Burns

"In a society in which idolatry runs rampant, a church that is not iconoclastic is a travesty. If it is not against the idols it is with them." — Herbert Schlossberg (Idols for Destruction: The Conflict of Christian Faith and American Culture)

"If we over-adapt to a culture, we have accepted the culture's idols. If, however, we under-adapt to a culture, we may have turned our own culture into an idol, an absolute." — Timothy J. Keller

"A culture will tolerate criticism of its idols only when the criticism is made by those who worship the idols." — John Mark Reynolds

"Jesus must become more beautiful to your imagination, more attractive to your heart, than your idol. That is what will replace your counterfeit gods. If you uproot the idol and fail to “plant” the love of Christ in its place, the idol will grow back." — Timothy J. Keller