

FALSE GODS

Acts 19:23-41

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE HUMAN HEART IS PRONE TO IDOLATRY
2. IDOLS ARE PARADOXICAL
3. HOW TO DEAL WITH THE IDOLS OF THE HUMAN HEART
 - IDOLS MUST BE IDENTIFIED
 - IDOLS MUST BE REPLACED

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. **ICE BREAKER:** Have you ever been obsessed with a celebrity, musician, sports figure, politician, pastor, etc.? What was it about that person that you found so attractive?
3. We might not bow to statues like people did in ancient times, but we still treat all kinds of things as more important than God and look for them to give us what only God can give. If you had to make a list of the "idols" of our society, what would you say are the top three?
4. One of the best ways to identify our own personal idols is by tracing our most uncontrollable emotions back to their root. What are your most uncontrollable emotions? What do you think causes them?
5. The things we tend to idolize are often good things that we turn into ultimate things. In order to replace these idols in our lives we can't just love good things less, or find something new to idolize, we need to love Jesus more. But how do we do that? How do we grow in our love of Jesus?
6. Dealing with our idols is a lifelong process. How would you describe where you are in this process right now?
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Take some time to talk about the paradoxical nature of idols. Try to think of a few examples of how the things we idolize are both very powerful in the way they exert control over our hearts and how they are powerless in that they always fail to deliver what they promise.