



The Idols of Culture

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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_____ is a powerful force.

Acts 17 – Redeeming the Culture

1. Recognize the _____ of the culture.
 - Ancient idols were day to have _____ over a certain aspect of _____.
 - Religion was dedicated to keeping the gods _____.
 - **An idol is anything that is temporary or secondary that we rise to the level of the _____.**
 - Idols of _____.
 - _____ idols.
2. Learn to speak the _____.
 - Paul found common ground and met them where they _____.

- Coming back to the _____ reminds us of what is ultimate.
3. Give _____ through what's really ultimate.
- People think following God will _____ them.
 - False God's make us _____.

5. He mentioned three prominent idols of our society. What were they? Can you think of other idols of American culture?
6. Do you agree that we can also have religious idols? What religious idols can you think of?
7. How can we recognize the idols of our culture?
8. What idols need to be confronted in your life? How will you do this?
9. How well do you think you can speak the language of American non-church culture? Can you give an example?

Questions for Reflection:

1. How would you define culture?
2. What are some ways you can see American culture is the same as or similar to "Christian" culture?
3. In what ways are they different? Can you think of some ways Christians have unnecessarily criticized non-church culture?
4. Pastor Kory said that idols are *temporary or secondary things we rise to the level of the ultimate*. Do you think this is a good definition? Why or why not?
10. What steps can you take to be more conversant with non-church people?
11. In what ways have you separated yourself from people outside the church?
12. Kory said, "false gods always let us down." Do you agree? In what ways can we become slaves to our false gods?
13. How do people gain freedom when they follow Christ?