

## American Idols: The Idol Factories

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1. What evidence do you see that human beings are created to worship? Why is this idea surprising in our culture?
2. Read Ezekiel 14:3. What is the ultimate treasure of your heart? What do you think that you must have in order to survive? What does this tell you about your tendencies toward idolatry?
3. What good things are you making into *ultimate* things?
4. Read Acts 19:23-28. Have you forsaken the idols of American culture? How is this evident in your distinction from our culture?
5. Have you allowed money, romance, children, religion, morality, beauty, consumerism or anything else to take first place in your heart from God?
6. What do you need to do in order to *face* and *replace* the idols in your life?
7. What fears do you encounter when you recognize the need to remove idols in your life?
8. How have your idols anchored you, impeding your development and growth? In what ways are idols leading you into making wrong choices? Can you identify the idols at the roots of your brokenness?
9. Can you discern your idols? Try these tests:
  - Where does your *mind* go habitually when you daydream?
  - Where does your *money* go effortlessly?
  - Where do your *emotions* go (particularly at their strongest)?
10. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9. What are the affections of your heart wrapped around? How much has your life changed since placing your faith in Christ? How do the areas with little change reveal your idols?
11. In the boardroom of your heart, is Jesus the only board member, or is he just one more voice at the table?
12. What can you do in order to pursue a deeper understanding of the love of God? How can this understanding make a difference in our lives?