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How to Experience God's Power and
Make Real Progress in Your Life

You Can Change: The Need for Idol-Smashing

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Ice Breaker Question:

- *When have you most recently had to apologize for something? What were the circumstances.*

The call Jesus makes in this quest for **real change finds it's foundation in real repentance**. Extending far deeper than a nice apology or giving words with no actions behind them.

- *Why repentance? Why does Jesus want this as a primary first step towards true change?*

As a group, read Acts 17:22-34 together. It's a great idea for a passage this long, to break up the verses between different readers.

- *(vs.22) What is the significance of how Paul greets the crowd?*
- *How would we define idols in our culture? What would a modern-day idol be?*

Writer David Foster Wallace, said that “*Everybody worships something.*” Paul says in this passage that **men worship what they value above all else, idols.**

- *How we attempt to make sense of our lives by finding objects to worship?*
- *In what ways is it dangerous to worship these things? (We heard 3 distinct reasons.)*

God wants us to have peace, be resilient, be forgiving, and to live full lives for His glory. Idols are what keep these things from him. God wants to woo us into a relationship that is better!

- What emotions motivate us towards change?
- How does repentance make us free to change who we are?

Read **Luke 19:1-10** together as a group. The story of Zacchaeus and Jesus.

- *How does the story of Zacchaeus fit within the framework of all we've talked about already?*
- *How did Zacchaeus actions show real change?*
- *What's the impact of this story personally on how we live our lives?*