

CHRISTIAN FAITHFULNESS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

A WORKSHOP FOR ENGAGED CHRISTIANS WITH PAUL NUECHTERLEIN



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Then Jesus said to them, “Market capitalism was made for humankind, and not humankind for the ‘Free Market,’ so the New Human Being is lord even of the market.” (Mark 2:27-28, translated for today’s context)

Jesus came to save human beings from our false religions which lead to idolatrous behaviors, such as sacrificing the poor and marginalized. In 21st Century North America, our chief false religion has become the Myth of the “Free Market.” Markets are not ‘free’ entities created by God. Rather, they are the sole creation and responsibility of human beings. They are made by us to serve us, and not by God for us to serve. Jesus came as the New Human Being (“Son of Man”) to show us how to become more fully human, including things like leading us into economics that more justly include all of God’s children. Economic justice can be achieved through market capitalism, but not if we serve *it* as a false religion — rather, when we learn to use it as a tool to serve the common good of all people.

Recent seminar participants had this to say:

“Paul’s pastoral approach to Girardian theory is needed support for the work of Christian preachers and practitioners of the Gospel who believe Jesus’ witness of nonviolence is the critical next step for the Re-evolution of Christianity.”

“He will open your heart to the gospel in ways you may never have experienced before.”

“You’ll find yourself stretched & challenged in ways you never imagined....”

Who is this workshop for?

- Peace-makers and activists
- Faith-based community organizers
- Pastors and religious educators



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*“Paul Nuechterlein has helped me more than anyone else to read the Scriptures in light of Girard’s groundbreaking work. I’d encourage anyone and everyone to seize an opportunity to learn with Paul.” – **Brian McLaren**, author*