



Worship Guide for **August 18, 2019**

Sermon Notes

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Engaging a Culture That Only Wants Entertainment

Acts 17: 16-34 (pew Bible pgs. 926-927)

What is a worldview; what is yours?

Our worldview is not a physical view of the world, but rather “a philosophical view, an all-encompassing perspective on everything that exists and matters to us.” Your worldview represents your most fundamental beliefs and assumptions about life; about who and what we are, where we came from, why we’re here, where we’re headed, the meaning and purpose of life, the nature of the afterlife, and what counts as a good life here and now.

What Paul saw should cause us to ask, “What do I see?” (Acts 17:16)

Paul walked the streets of Athens, and while he must have admired the architecture and art, while he respected Athenian history, what he saw was not the light of human creativity, but the darkness of human lostness. Through the lens of his Christian worldview, Paul saw a culture immersed in idolatry. Paul saw people hungry for God, but clueless as to how to find Him. Paul saw people who were spiritually empty, spiritually blind to the true God.

What Paul felt should cause us to ask, “What do I feel when I see what I see?” (Acts 17:16)

Paul saw a culture immersed in idolatry, and it troubled him deeply. “... *his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.*” What Paul saw on the streets of Athens stirred his heart with a mixture of righteous indignation for the name of God and compassion for those lost in their idolatry.

What Paul said in the different places he went should cause me to ask, “How can I better speak gospel truth into my culture?”

Moved by the Holy Spirit, what Paul saw and felt compelled him to be intentional and bold in speaking the gospel into everyday places and situations. He did this in a relevant way – finding a cultural point of reference in each setting. Starting with a culturally relevant truth, Paul then built a bridge to Scriptural truth about God, about humanity, and what God expects of us. His message culminated with the news of Jesus and his resurrection, and the obligation that reality places upon humanity.

Applications:

What is your worldview and what do you see?

How does what you see make you feel?

How are you speaking the gospel into your culture?



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In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

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A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

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Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day and meditate on that portion this week.

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Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

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Write a prayer of response, specifically guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Continue to meditate on a memorize the selection you chose from yesterday.

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Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

Have you given much thought to what has shaped your current worldview? If you were to take some time to consider that, what would you expect to find? How would it look differently if it were more biblically shaped?

How did this week's passage and message help you understand what your posture toward the surrounding culture should look like? What are you compelled to do in response?

Why is it important to not only have a solid understanding of the gospel, but also a solid understanding of the audience (whether 1 person or more) when attempting to share the message of the gospel with them?

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Thursday

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What insights have you gained while internalizing this week's passage?

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