

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for October 2, 2022

Sermon Notes

Engaging Our Culture with the Gospel

Acts 17:16 (pew Bible pg. 926)

*Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens,
his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.*

How do we see and approach the lost people around us? What do you think about those who deny God and reject biblical views and values? What is your heart posture toward the unbelievers in our society, especially those you interact with?

We could summarize the question of this sermon series this way: ***AS we are “in the world and not OF it”, how do we reach those who are OF the world with the Gospel? More directly today, how should we think about those who are “of the world” and what should our heart posture be toward them?***

As we look at what Paul sees and feels as he looks at Athens, I think we catch a glimpse of the mind and heart of Christ.

What Paul saw should cause us to ask, “What do I see?”

What Paul saw ---

What we should see----

What Paul felt should cause us to ask, “What do I feel when I see what I see?”

What Paul felt----

What we should feel ----

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

Do you see those around you will eyes like Paul (with understanding, discernment, looking for opportunity)?

Do you feel as Paul did for those unbelievers around you (with holy frustration and grief over sin and it's devastation, and compassion)?

How equipped would you say you are in sharing the gospel with others? How confident are you in sharing the gospel in different contexts in *meaningful* ways?

Who is the Lord prompting you to pray for as you engage those around you with the gospel?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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