
[SERMON NOTES]

Acts 17:16-21 - A Culture of Searching

Everyone, everywhere was - and is - searching for _____ ! (Rom. 1:20-23)

Acts 17:22-34 - ACT-ing Accordingly

A - Affirms their _____. (v.22)

C - Considers their _____. (v.23)

T - Thinks through a _____ . (v. 24-26)

S - Steers towards _____. (v. 27-32)

Reasoning for the love of God...

1. Meet _____ where _____ are. (1 Cor. 9)
2. Drop _____, not bombs. (1 Pet. 3)
3. How someone responds to Jesus is more about _____, than our _____. (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

We briefly talked about how we don't need to be Bible scholars, but we still need to have a regular intake of the Bible in our lives. **Which of the following ways of accessing the Bible have you tried? (Check all that apply to you):**

- Reading a daily devotional book
- Bible study/reading plan
- FIRST Group MDG (aka this!)
- Other _____
- Passages picked at random
- Scripture memorization
- Listening to the Bible

What was your experience with those you've tried? Which one has been the most helpful for you? How has your attitude about the Bible and how you read/study/listen to it changed over the years?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

When it comes to believing in God and Jesus, there are many reasons people give as to why they do not have faith. **Write out a couple of the common answers or reasons you hear people give for not believing in God:**

When it comes to sharing our faith with others, how we live is just as important as the words we share. **1 Thessalonians 2:1-13** gives us a great picture of what sharing both our words and our life with others looks like. As you read through this passage... Circle / highlight any words or phrases describing Paul's attitude or actions. **What would it look like for you to share both the Gospel and your life with the people you rub shoulders with the most?**

This weekend we heard we don't need to be eloquent or have all the answers to share our faith, but how we share "our answer" has a lot to do with the kind of influence we have on others. The Bible gives us some guidelines for the way we are to go about sharing and talking with others. **What can we learn about how to talk and interact with others from the following passages? 2 Timothy 2:23-26; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

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We learned this weekend that we don't need to have *all the answers*, but we need to have *our* answer. **Read 1 Peter 3:15-16.** How would you answer the question: **Why do you believe in Jesus?**

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Acts 17:1-15

Acts 17:16-34

John 9:13-34

Psalms 19:1-11