

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

MAR. 1 & 2 - ACTS 17 - PAUL & THE PHILOSOPHERS ON MARS HILL

OPENING QUESTION

How was your week? Best moment? Worst? Weirdest thing that happened?

READ TOGETHER

Acts 17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) After reading Acts 17 and seeing the trouble that he went through to plant churches – why do you think Paul continued to do it?
- 2) In verse 16 it mentions that Paul was deeply troubled by the idols in the city of Athens. Why was he troubled by this? How did this affect him?
 - What deeply troubles you?
 - How does God's glory being threatened by the people and the world around you factor into what troubles you deeply?
 - What idols are pervasive today? What are idols that we might not even consider to be idols most of the time? What idols have captured your worship at one time?
- 3) How does your life display the passion of Paul to speak the Good News for the glory of God and your compassion for the people in your circle of influence? What does it look like? What do you pray it looks like one day?
- 4) Read Paul's message in Acts 17:22-31. As Paul preaches his message to the essentially non-believing audience at the High Council, what catches your attention?
- 5) Of the four categories of establishing a complete worldview: **Origin, Meaning, Morality** and **Destiny** what do you think challenged, encouraged, relieved your thinking the most?
 - How did this change or deepen your confidence in this area?
- 6) What do you think your friends who don't know Christ would be most interested in discussing, or most in need of hearing?
 - What would it look like for you to initiate a discussion on one of these topics?

NEXT STEP

As you think about being a bridge-builder what could you do to take up that role in the lives of others around you? What is God calling you to do right now?

- Write it down and take a step this week. Come back to Small Group and let everyone know how that went!

PRAYER

Take some time to pray about all that you discussed and some of the steps that people desire to take in their lives.

However, lets also hold each other up in prayer for needs we have. Where do **you** need prayer?

- Are you stressed?
- Are you thankful?
- Are you in a bind?

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- Are you looking for God to provide something?
- Are you seeking direction?
- Is there someone you desperately want to see come to know and trust in Christ?
- Is there something you feel called to confess or share?

Pray for one another!

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