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CG Discussion Guide

Acts 17:16-34

Declaring the Unknown God

Reminders

Live Webcast | Matt & Lauren Chandler

On February 19th and 20th, we will be hosting a live webcast from Matt & Lauren Chandler. The focus will be on God's good design for love, marriage, sex, and redemption. Find out more by visiting the website. You can RSVP on the City.

Money Matters

March 11th and 12th, Exodus will be offering it's spring Money Matters class where we begin to explore what the Bible says about money. The cost is \$10 per person. Childcare is provided and it will be held in the 101 worship space. For more information and to register, visit the city or the website.

Remember

Read Acts 17:16-34

What are some things that stood out to you about the passage? the sermon?

Deepen

When Paul engaged he was provoked by the idols. Have you ever had a similar reaction?

When you think about Paul reasoning with someone in this passage, what kind of picture comes to your mind?

Think about the culture of Athens. What similarities do you see in our culture today?

- Religious, Spirituality, Superstitious.

What lessons can we learn about how Paul engaged the people of Athens? How did he specifically engage their context? How does his tactics inform us as we engage in culture?

- He wasn't separate and also didn't assimilate - Paul was a stranger and exile but engaged in mission. For more on what this looks like see **Hebrews 11:13-16**

What are the primary idols that are prevalent in our culture?

Read Habakkuk 2:18

Are there things other than Christ that you are putting your trust in? How's that working out for you?

How does Paul's sermon challenge us to think about God?

Read 1 John 5:20-21 -The Knowledge of the Lord has a way of revealing and calling us away from Idols.

Knowing this, how can we pursue the knowledge of the Lord?

What were the three ways that we saw people responding to the message of the Gospel in Acts 17?

- Some believed
- Some wanted to hear more
- Some rejected the message

How should that inform our living on mission today?

Transform

How does this call us out on mission? (Are there specific people you are praying for, or speaking the gospel to?)

How does this week's scriptures encourage you to pray?

How can you apply this in your life?

What are ways you need accountability to move forward in this?

How can the group encourage you?

Spend some time praying for one another.