

Series: Counter Cultural

Sermon Notes & Group Discussion
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Acts 17:16-32

We live in a _____, broken, _____ world with competing world views.

Our Goal:
Is to understand how the _____ shapes our understanding of current issues and how we can share the gospel _____ and _____ with the people around us.

How do we live out our convictions?

We must _____ into the culture.

Paul's Example:

Taking _____ from the culture, Paul builds a bridge to the _____ of Jesus.

The Greatness of God: He is _____.

The Goodness of God: He is _____.

The Government of God: He is _____.

The Grace of God: He is _____.

We have the same _____ each and every day!

3 NOTS:

1. NOT _____....
2. NOT _____....
3. NOT _____....

Notice the results: (32-34)

1. Some _____
2. Some wanted _____
3. Some _____

We must _____ share the reason for the hope in us.

Community Group Questions

1. Culture is defined as the beliefs, customs, arts, etc. of a particular society, group, place or time. Where did you grow up? How would you describe the culture in which you grew up?
2. On what social issue are you most likely to be courageous, outspoken, and active? Why?
3. On what social issues are you most likely to remain silent, uncertain, or inactive? Why?
4. Read Acts 17:16-21. What happened to Paul when he saw the culture around him in Athens? How did he respond? When have you experienced a similar feeling?
5. What made the speakers want to hear more from Paul? How does taking a contrite, courageous, and compassionate stand make people curious about what we have to say?
6. Read Acts 17:22-31. How did Paul use the culture around him to make a bridge into the gospel message? What are some bridges in your culture to the gospel?
7. There are five basic parts to the gospel: a) The holiness of God; b) The sinfulness of humanity; c) The death & resurrection of Jesus; d) The response of faith; e) The gift of eternal life. Which part of the gospel do you have the most difficulty talking about or explaining? How could you better prepare yourself to proclaim this part of God's message?
8. Read Acts 17:32-34. What variety of responses do you notice in these verses?
9. Read Romans 1:16. What unique power does the gospel message have? Why should we continue to share the gospel every chance we get?
10. Which culture issues incite your righteous anger? Which issues should incite your righteous anger, but do not?
11. How do we begin to, like Paul, to view all cultural issues through the lens of zeal for the glory of God?
12. Do you know the gospel well enough to speak it to another person? Practice sharing the gospel using the following threads: the character of God, the sinfulness of men, the sufficiency of Christ, the necessity of faith, and the urgency of eternity.

