



June 20th Discussion Guide

CULTURE - ACTS 17:16-34

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This is a 12 week study through the Book of Acts. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

1. How did you hear from God this week?
2. Is there one main culture or ethnicity you adhere to? What rituals do you do to highlight or honor this culture?

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Acts 17:16-21.
 - a. What was Paul distressed about? What did he do about it?
 - b. Use your Bible app to read vs. 18 in the NLT and CSB versions. What did they call Paul? How can we NOT portray the gospel message either of these ways? What two things did Paul focus the message around?
 - c. What was the response of the people? Are you willing to listen to other people's viewpoints on religion?
2. Read Acts 17: 22-23.
 - a. What do you note about how Paul engaged the people? How did he start his message? What had he learned about the people?
 - b. What things do WE as a culture put in place of God? How do you do this in your own life?
 - c. How are you engaging with people of different backgrounds and beliefs to learn about what they are searching for? How could this help you share the gospel message with them?
3. The people obviously cared about gods. What 5 characteristics about God did Paul present to the people?
 - a. Vs. 24 (Creator) What did He do?
 - b. Vs. 25 (Sustainer) What does He need? What does He provide?
 - c. Vs. 26 - 29 (Ruler) Who is He?
 - d. Vs. 30-31 (Savior and Judge) Why do we need Him?
 - e. How could these characteristics be different from their "gods"?
 - f. How did the people respond? How will YOU respond to the One True God that Paul told them about?

Application question: What will you do this week to engage people that are outside of your culture to share with them about God?

Closing Prayer LORD, You are the One True God! Help us effectively communicate this to those around us that do not know You. Open people's hearts and minds to hear this truth and desire to hear more and believe.

