

7. What are ways that you might be tempted to compromise the message of the gospel as you communicate it to certain people?

8. How can you shape your presentation of the gospel to suit the particular people you deal with?

9. What do you need to do and know in order to more effectively communicate the good news about Jesus to people in your life from different cultures?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Walfre Estrada - Vida y Esperanza School, Guatemala

Pray continued spiritual growth; finances for the multi-purpose room door and installation of additional security cameras, 6 laptop computers for administration staff and teachers.

Sermon Notes

"A Gospel Presentation for Every Situation"

Acts 17:1 – 18:11

March 17, 2019

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-17-19

Questions adapted from Phyllis J. Le Peau, Acts: Seeing God's Power in Action, A LifeGuide Bible Study, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 53-58; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 209-211; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Acts: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 141-160.

Getting Started:

1. What kinds of discussions do you enjoy?

Digging Deeper:

Read Acts 17:1-18:11. Paul interacts with four cities and multiple different cultures. Compare and contrast Paul's ministry in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth.

2. What was similar about Paul's approach in Thessalonica and Berea? How did the Berean Jews respond differently to Paul's message than the Thessalonian Jews did (17:5, 11)?
3. How was his speech in Athens different from what Paul said to Jews (9:20, 22; 13:16-41; 17:2-3)?
4. Though Paul approaches people differently, the content of his messages are very consistent. Identify this content (vv. 3, 18, 24-28, 30-31). What did Paul say about ...

the nature, character, and attributes of God?

the nature of man?

idols?

Jesus?

5. In Athens Paul begins to tell them about the living God with an inscription from one of their altars – "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD." What are "points of truth" from which you can start to communicate the gospel to those in your world?
6. Paul's different approaches show his understanding of culture and his willingness to communicate with people where they are. What are the different groups or cultures that you interact with?