



Being Marketplace Missionaries

Acts 17

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Being a Marketplace Missionary means praying to be open to God's leading in the places you find yourself every day.

Observe the things around you.

Proclaiming God and God alone.

Everyone needs to hear.

Never, ever quit!

Applying Acts 17 to my life

Reread Acts 17 this week, where is it God is asking you to speak truth and light in your marketplace? How can you reason with others about the love Christ has for them?

Pray that you would be open to God's leading, as you step into the marketplace of your life this week.



Life Group Questions/Discussion

Main point: We are called to engage the marketplace of our world with the love and grace of Jesus. The question is how open are we to step into that marketplace each and every day?

Introduction to the Conversation:

There seems to be an endless supply of ideas being talked about in our world today. Characterize how you engage conversations with people who do not express the same views as you do. Are you prone to jump in quickly to point out where they are wrong, or do you listen, so you are able to reason amicably with them?

Talk with your group how you have been able to step into the “marketplace” to share the story of Jesus with someone.

Exploring God’s Word Together

From Sunday:

Reread Acts 17:1-5. Why do you think some of the Jews were jealous? Do we ever find ourselves in similar situations as the Jews?

What are some of the idols worshipped in our city, neighborhood, or nation?

Discuss as a group how you might begin to turn the world upside down, as those in Acts 6 were accused of doing.

Digging Deeper:

Take time together to read 1 Thessalonians. What strikes you about what Paul says regarding the Thessalonians’ heart for the Word? What about Paul’s attitude toward the Thessalonians resonates with you?

Take time to read through Acts 17:22-32. How does this approach of Paul differ from the other examples in Acts 17? What about Paul’s speech at the Areopagus most resonates with you?

Do you think Paul was successful in Athens? Why or why not?

Application:

- Take a few moments as a group to pray for opportunities to imitate Paul’s marketplace strategy this week.
- Talk about how you will this week engage in one conversation with someone whose view of the world differs from yours. Be ready to listen and be ready to reason with them.