



If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

Stay connected! Want to learn more about the events happening at Family Church? Download the Family Church App. For more encouragement you can share with your friends and family, follow Family Church on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

Women's Ministry

- Please save the date for our annual Women's Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 7, at Grace Campus from 6:00- 8:00 pm! The sign-up to attend starts November 4! Look for more details in the bulletin or on the Events tab of the Family Church App in November. We hope you can join us!

Teens Ministry

- Youth Group happens each Sunday night from 5:00-6:30 pm at the Ebenezer Campus. This program is for Middle & High Schoolers, 6th - 12th grade.

Young Adult Ministry

- We are starting a small group specifically for young adults who are between ages 18 and 29! Young Adult Small Group begins on Thursday, November 4 at 7:45 pm at our Ebenezer Campus, immediately following the worship service. Consider joining us at 6:00 for FREE pizza from Vitales! Contact keith@familychurch.app with any questions.

Family Ministry

- We would love to honor the widows at Family Church this November! If this is you, please fill out a form and attach a picture to honor you! You can find this form at the info desk in the lobby.

Outreach Ministry

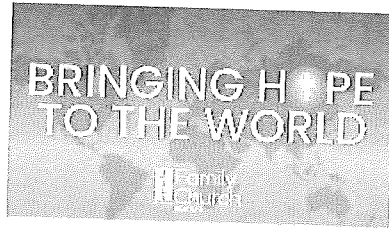
- Family Church is providing Kids Hope Mentors at Woodbridge Elementary! Volunteers are needed to meet with their students for one hour a week at school for the school year. Prayer partners are needed as well. Training is provided. If you are interested in learning more about being a Kids Hope Mentor or Prayer Partner, email kidshope@familychurch.app or sign up at the Scooter Table.

Family Church - Weekly Services

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
- **Sunday at 9:30 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 10:45 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus

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Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples



October 2021

Hope to Muslims

1 Timothy 4:10, That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Acts 17:16-30 **16** While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. **17** So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. **18** A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? **20** You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." **21** (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) **22** Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. **23** For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So, you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

We need to _____ our eyes and ears so that we might bring _____ into more of our conversations.

As Christians we need to treat _____ with _____ even when we _____ with them.

24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. **25** And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. **26** From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **27** God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. **28** 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' **29** "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. **30** In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **31** For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Only _____ shared in _____ will ever really be _____ by another person.

Life Application

God is bringing HOPE to the Muslim world through Family Church.
Pray this week about how God wants you to get involved.



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KEY VERSE: 1 Timothy 4:10, That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

READ: Acts 17: 16-18

1. What was Paul's initial reaction to all the idols in Athens? What other emotions may Paul have felt?
2. What are some "idols" today?
3. What emotion do you feel when you think about the various idols of today and the people who follow/worship them?
4. How did Paul respond to the idols he saw and emotion he felt? How should we respond today?

READ: Acts 17: 19-23

5. Notice that Paul was respectful with his response despite the theological disagreement.
6. Do your conversations with others open or close doors to ongoing discussion about Jesus?

KEY POINT: We need to open our eyes and ears so that we might bring Jesus into more of our conversations.

7. Was Paul on vacation in Athens or on mission?
8. How can we keep our spiritual eyes/ears open and alert to God's promptings in our lives?

KEY POINT: As Christians, we need to treat others with respect even when we wholeheartedly disagree with them

9. Who is in your life currently that you find yourself often "wholeheartedly disagreeing" with? What can you learn from Acts 17 in how to better respond to them?
10. Many have developed bad habits when reacting to disagreements. For example, we judge quickly, write off too soon, hold grudges, distance ourselves, get angry or nervous, etc. Do you find yourself reacting this way to people

who think, behave, believe differently than you?

11. How could you respond better to these people and moments? Is your attitude wrong? Is your approach wrong?

READ: Acts 17:24-31

12. Thought: In this passage, we have a snapshot of Paul's message to this group of people. Notice how he contextualizes the Gospel specifically for this group? In the same way, missionaries all over the world have learned the art of contextualizing the Gospel of Jesus to specific cultures and people. We too have a similar responsibility to those we encounter daily. This requires us to 1) understand the Gospel of Jesus, 2) be ready/willing to share the Hope we have, 3) be sensitive to the Spirit's leading us into conversations.
13. Paul doesn't judge anyone but clearly shares the Gospel of Jesus. When you share your faith, do you have the right heart-attitude or do you find yourself being critical, judgmental, careless, insensitive, irrelevant, too preachy, etc? What can you do to offset these and become a more effective witness?

KEY POINT: Only truth shared in love will ever really be heard by another person.

READ: Ephesians 4:15

14. What is the result of speaking the truth in love according to Ephesians 4?
15. Did Paul speak the truth in love to the Athenians? What was the result (READ Acts 17:32-34)
16. Discuss a time when you "spoke the truth in love" to someone. What was the result?

Life Application

God is bringing HOPE to Kenya through Family Church. Pray this week about how God wants you to get involved. Visit www.helpingkenyakids.org for ideas.

