



The Way | Pastor Andrew Smith

Read Acts 17: 22-31

In order to “win” a hearing, Paul connected and Paul related.

1. Pastor Andrew stated “Truth without connection is cold and sterile.”
 - a. Give examples of when “truth” has been given to you in this manner.
 - b. Can you think of a time when you delivered a truth in this manner?
 - c. How could you have said it different?
2. “All Truth is God’s Truth.”
 - a. Have you heard this phrase before? By who/whom? (for the grammaticians)
 - b. Were they affirming God’s Truth of Scripture, or using it to argue against it? (2 Peter 3:16)
 - c. Did Paul’s response on Mars Hill shed any light on the idea?

Read Acts 17: 16-21

3. Pastor Andrew stated: The way we connect with others about our faith is by finding common ground.
 - a. What do you think Paul learned in the marketplace? (v21.)
 - b. How could he use it to his advantage when sharing the Gospel?
 - c. What other “connections” did Paul demonstrate that he had?
4. What areas of “common ground” can you establish with:
 - a. neighbors
 - b. co-workers
 - c. the check-out cashier
5. Paul “affirmed” what the Athenians were already doing right.
 - a. Brainstorm affirmations you can use with the following: (change/delete if I’m out of bounds)
 - i. Muslims
 - ii. Mormons
 - iii. Jehovah Witness
 - b. What are “divine lines of connection?” How could they help you with the groups above?
6. Pastor Andrew stated, “Connection and relatability open the door to receptivity.”
 - a. What were some of the ways Paul “related” to the Athenians?
 - b. When have you been ‘encouraged’ to do “cold-call evangelism?”
 - c. How did you feel about it? How did it go?
7. Have you heard the phrase, “So Heavenly minded they’re no earthly good?”
 - a. Who have you described this way?
 - b. Who would describe you in the same manner?

Read Acts 17: 4,5; Read Acts 17: 10,12-13; Acts 17:32,33

Only God can change a heart.

8. What do these passages have in common?
 - a. Some people reacted how?
 - b. Others reacted how?
 - c. Whose job is it to secure the “right response?”
9. Tell of a time you were impacted by someone else’s faith.

The challenge is each day to ask God to help us “connect, relate, and pray that people are receptive.”

The second challenge is to ask, “Who should I share my faith with today?” Will you ask? Will you do it?