

Study Guide January 24, 2021

Unstoppable: The Book of Acts | An Unknown God Made Known | Acts 17:16-32

This guide is a resource for a small group or a family discussion. It can also be used for personal reflection.

1. What has God been doing in your life recently? How has He been speaking? Is there a step you've taken with God that you'd like to share with others?
2. Recently, we asked you to pray for one person you know who needs to hear about Jesus. Have you had an opportunity to speak to them about the Lord? Why do you think so many Christians today are not deeply moved ("greatly distressed" in Acts 17:16) to share Jesus with our neighbors and friends?
3. Compare Paul's sermon in the Jewish synagogue in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:16-41) with his sermon in the Greek Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:22-31). How are they similar? How are they different? What do you learn from one that you don't learn in the other (and vice versa)?

Praying the Scripture

1. *"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"* (Acts 17:27). What have you been seeking and reaching for in place of God? Confess.
2. *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart"* (Jer 29:13). Ask God to show Himself to you as you reach for Him.
3. *"[T]he city was full of idols"* (Acts 17:16). What are the idols in Dane County? Pray for those idols to be shown false, and for God's truth to be known.
4. *"[Paul] was greatly distressed"* (Acts 17:16). Think of that person you know who needs to hear about Jesus. Pray for them. Ask God to trouble your heart so that you are moved to pray consistently for them. Will you commit to pray for that person each day?