

# weekly guide

this is our city – week 7

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Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move. If you're leading a movement city group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

## **City Group Icebreaker: Questions to Get You Talking**

- If you have traveled, what do you usually do when you arrive in a new city? Do you explore the city alone or with a group?
- If someone made a statue of you, what pose would be most appropriate? What inscription?

**Key Scriptures:** <sup>23</sup> For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; <sup>25</sup> nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things; <sup>26</sup> and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, <sup>27</sup> that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; **Acts 17:23-27**

**Big Idea of the Message:** *"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."* Verse 6

## **Message Study:**

- How did God speak to you in the message?
- Was there anything you didn't understand?
- Paul traveled and entered Athens, known for its enlightened thinking, immense culture and majestic idols. What was Paul's reaction to the city (17:16)?
- How did Luke summarize the city (17:21)?
- Why did God create and provide everything for us (17:26-27)? What is an appropriate response from us to God?
- What does God command men to do (17:30)?

## **Start Thinking.**

- What philosophies and pagan cultures or religions are you aware of today?
- Have you personally interacted with someone from a different philosophy or pagan religion? Describe.

## **Start Sharing.**

- Are we willing to honestly evaluate and courageously confront, and name, our personal idols? Do we see our idols as affronts to the presence and power of Christ in us and through us? Are we sacrificing our time, our very lives, to those idols -- lives purchased and legitimately owned by Christ who died for us?
- How will you obey the message as the people of God?

**Start Praying.** May God see fit to use us to turn our city upside down also by the same faithful proclamation of the gospel! Amen

# next moves

## Connect To Culture

People today want their point of view heard. Some try to gain a hearing through web sites and blogs, picketers, media publications and other such means. How might you gain a hearing with someone you don't know to reach them with the message of Jesus?

## Movement News

- No matter where you come from, there's a group for you. Join or start an MTG and experience how the gospel can transform your life. A MTG is made up of two or three people, all of the same gender, who meet weekly for personal accountability for their spiritual growth and development. There are only two suggested qualification for starting or joining a MTG:
  1. A desperate need for Jesus (Luke 5:29-32).
  2. Faithfulness in the process itself (2 Tim. 2:2).

**To join or start a (MTG), email [info@movementchurch.tv](mailto:info@movementchurch.tv)**

- God has given so generously to us. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this church movement. Text GIVE and the AMOUNT to **84321** (ex. GIVE 100). *Your tax-deductible gift helps us fulfill our mission, and move the ministry of Movement Church.*

## movement transformation groups

Movement Transformation Groups (MTG's) are a simple way to release the most essential elements of a vital spiritual walk to people who need Jesus to change their lives from the inside out. We want to see people experience life change, support one another through the challenges of life, as well as pray and care for one another. (MTG's) empower the common Christian to accomplish the uncommon work of reproducing spiritual disciples who can in turn reproduce others.

Only three tasks are to be accomplished in a (MTG):

- Sin is confessed in mutual accountability.
- Scripture is read repetitively in context and in community.
- Souls are prayed for strategically, specifically, and continuously

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### MTG Weekly Emphasis:

- This week you are to read Acts chapters 17 in its entirety in context and in community.
- Because God's Word says to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind, both these avenues are obviously important to build your relationship with God. Let's commit to both studying and experiencing today: "I want to be like Paul, God, where he boldly stood before the crowd to make you known. Please use me to also spread your message, and in the meantime, may I continue to build my relationship with you through studying your Word and connecting with you on a heart-level as well."
- Each of you in the group is to identify two or three whom you feel led to pray for their salvation. Pray for those you know that don't know Christ. Ask God to give you the words that help you lead them to Christ.

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