

**Dig Deeper @Home – CrossGen special
Complement to lesson on 01/09/22 – “Engaging Culture”**

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. How would you describe the culture you are a part of?
2. What is your favorite food outside of your culture?

MEMORIZE – Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth

READ – Acts 17: 15-34

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. How about anything you don't understand? Can anyone gathered (or someone you know) help provide clarity?
2. How do these verses bear witness about Jesus?
3. Describe how Paul engages with the culture around him. What does he say and do? What doesn't he do? How does he connect their culture with the good news of Jesus? What is the people's response to Paul?
4. In verse 16, Luke writes that Paul was “distressed” by what he saw of the culture of Athens. In verse 17, Luke outlines how Paul reacts to this distress? What does he do? What verb does Luke use? How is this verb instructive to us as we engage the culture around us?
5. Identify one takeaway from this section of scripture and how you will live it out this week in the places you live, work and play.

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Engaging Culture

In order for Paul to be distressed about the idols of the city of Athens, he would have had to have been spending time in the city, walking around, taking things in. This week really focus on the cultures around you. Don't just go to work: pay attention at work to what people are saying, how they are acting, what music they are listening, what stories they are telling. When you go to school, really look around at your classmates: what are their hopes, their fears, what are their longings, what stories are they telling? Take time to really understand the cultures you spend time in this week. As you do, spend time in prayer with the Holy Spirit asking Him for guidance on how to engage these cultures and connect others to Jesus.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

King of Kings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

In Christ Alone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

For the Sake of the World - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6-KAcJu1Hg>

God so Loved - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK9pljv_s-A

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

As you go this week, may the Lord give you eyes to see others not only as they are but as they could be in Christ. May you be filled with compassion and courage to hear others stories, walk with them in their stories, and help them to find their ultimate identity in the story of Christ Jesus.