



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 3

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

WARMING UP

- Have a couple of people in your group volunteer for a quick test. Give them 30 seconds to look at each other and then close their eyes. (Tip: choose a husband and wife or two people of the same sex so it's not weird staring at each other.) Ask them questions about what they noticed (color of hair or eyes; what kind of shoes the other is wearing; style of shirt, color of shirt; earrings or no; etc.).

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING

CONFIDENTIALITY • LISTEN • PAUSE • SILENCE • NO "CROSS TALK" • NO FIXING • NO RESCUING
SHARING • SELF-AWARE • "I" STATEMENTS • FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP

LINK TO SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

The *Go of the Gospel* series has focused on taking the message of Jesus with us. We've encouraged the Pick & Go initiative—meeting practical and relational needs of agencies, schools and neighbors—but we all know part of *going with the gospel* is telling others about Jesus.

Read Acts 17:16-34. Spend a few moments making observations about the text.

DISCUSS THESE SERMON POINTS

Part of sharing Jesus with others is noticing your surroundings and speaking Jesus into that context.

- The sermon raised the point that when we make observations about our culture, it will affect our feelings. What have you been feeling recently as you observe the state of our world? (Name the feelings, being careful not to digress and get sidetracked.)
- Based on our feelings, we can divide or try to find common ground with people of opposing beliefs. Share a recent experience of finding common ground OR share how God is working in your heart in this area.
- Ultimately, we want to share Jesus with others. Describe an opportunity you've had to share Jesus with someone else. (Keep in mind, it was a 100% success for Paul in Acts 17, but "some followed".)

CLOSING

- What is going to change for you in response to what you've learned and discussed in this small group?
- How can we be praying for you this week? Close in prayer together.