



The last half of the book of Acts reveals the amazing story of how the Jesus' community became a global movement, and it reveals keys to how it has remained so. There is so much to apply as we explore how we can “proclaim the kingdom of God with all boldness and without hindrance.”

**These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.**

**1** Rick began by noting that “Paul would say there is no place you cannot talk about Jesus, but you do not talk about him the same way in every place.” How have you experienced that to be true in your context? Share an example of how you’ve had a conversation that led to Jesus by using the Bible and an example of how you did it by not using the Bible.

**2 KNOW SCRIPTURE!** The scriptures are always the place to start when you are talking to someone who believes the Bible is the Word of God. **Read Acts 17:1-15.** What evidence in verses 1-4 shows that Paul had a clear strategy for sharing the good news about Jesus? What stands out to you regarding the different responses the people had to his message?

**3** Rick reminded us that “It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of knowing the scriptures, nor is it impossible to start too soon.” **Read 2 Timothy 3:15.** What is one practice you do regularly to help you know the scriptures better? What is a next step you need to take in this area?

**Read Acts 17:16-34** before discussing the following questions.

**4 NO SCRIPTURE? We all have “Where did it come from?” questions.** Very few people exist who do not wonder how they came to exist. What spiritual longing do you think that reveals? What’s significant about how Paul began his message (**17:22-25**)?

**5 NO SCRIPTURE? We all have “Do I matter?” questions.** Paul says that God places us intentionally in our specific time and location to prompt us to want to find Him. Then instead of quoting scripture to affirm this he quotes some of their own pagan poets (**17:28**). What do you think about Paul using the culture around him to share the heart of the message of the Bible? What can we learn from Paul’s example here?

**6 NO SCRIPTURE? We all have “Will it ever be right?” questions.** No one argues that the way the world is is the way it ought to be. All people have a universal longing for justice. With that in mind, what is significant about how Paul ends his message (**17:29-31**)? Rick concluded this point by saying, “There are many ways to build a bridge, but the bridge must lead to Jesus.” Why is that so crucial and how did Paul emphasize this?

**7** God is leaving footprints everywhere. **GOD IS... creator, father, judge, but most of all, God is Jesus!** Describe the importance of each of those descriptions of God for your life.

**Conclusion:** The good news is **nothing will hinder God from pursuing us!** As you reflect on this message take a moment to let everyone reflect on this question: How is God pursuing you right now? Don’t let anything hinder you from finding Him.

