



Penetrating our Community – Represent Jesus

Acts 1:8

⇒ The Holy Spirit IS [the power source](#) to make this happen.

1) Jesus commissioned every Christian to [BE His witnesses](#).

2) You will [impact](#) your world.

⇒ We are called to [Represent Jesus](#) at all times in all places.

Acts 17

Acts 17:16 Athens had some [30,000](#) statues of idols!

Acts 17:18 The word *babbler* is literally “[seed-pecker](#).”

The **Epicurean philosophers** were [agnostics](#) – Their motto might be expressed as: “*Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.*”

The **Stoic philosophers** were followers of the philosopher Zeno and were [pantheists](#). Their attitude was one of **fatalism**. Their motto might be expressed as: “*Grin and bear it*”.

Paul draws from scripture to say, God gives us our very life and breath and GOD is the source of our [satisfaction](#). Paul couples the idea of satisfaction with *getting our needs met*.

+ Colton: [Blessing Bags](#)

Acts 17:27-29

Paul finds common ground with [non-biblical material](#) to reach the lost.

Acts 17:30-31 – there IS a day we have to give an account.

Acts 17:32-34

Paul was not content to let the people just believe anything thinking *all roads are fine*. Paul knowing Christ shared the truth of Christ.

What we can do, let's do!

⇒ [Finding common ground and sharing](#) the truth of the good news may turn our friends into our family.

Next Week: **Caring for One Another Romans 13:8**

Power of Community- Penetrating Our Community

May's Memory Verse: *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” John 13:35

Monday 5/8- Read Acts 17:16-33

Question: What was one way Paul tried to identify with his audience?

Truth: *For in him we live and move and have our being. 'As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'* Vs. 28

Meditate: Acts 17:17- *So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.*

Prayer: Lord give me a boldness to discuss Jesus with the people I interact with each day.

Action: Learn the interests of others so you can relate the blessings of Jesus to them in a way they can understand.

What is God asking ME to do: _____

Tuesday 5/9- Read Acts 17:1-15

Question: Paul share the same message in Thessalonica and Bereans. Why did he have such dramatically different results?

Truth: *Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.* Vs. 11

Meditate: 1 Thessalonians 5:11- *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

Prayer: Lord, who needs some encouragement from me today?

Action: *By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

Who will I encourage today: _____

Wednesday 5/10- Read 1 John 4:1-21

Truth: *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.* Vs.7

Meditate: 1 John 4:17- *This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.*

Prayer: Lord, let me grow in your love and share your love with others.

Action: *And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.* Vs. 21

What God is telling me _____

Thursday 5/11- Read Ephesians 4:17-32

Challenge: *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listens.* Vs. 29

Truth: *to be made new in the attitude of your minds.* Vs. 23

Meditate: Ephesians 4:30- *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Prayer: Father God, may my words and my actions never grieve your Holy Spirit.

Action: *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* Vs. 31

What God is telling me _____

Friday 5/12- Read Titus 3:1-15

Question: As Christians how should we interact with our community?

Truth: *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.*

Meditate: 1 Peter 2:15- *For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.*

Prayer: Lord fill me with your love for all people.

Action: *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Galatians 6:10

Who will I bring to Jesus: _____

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Fellowship and Praises-

Take 20-30 minutes and share what God has been doing in your life this last week.

Bible verse memorization: See if everyone can say John 13:35 together as a group.

Bible Study Exercise: Read Acts 17:16-33

Pastor Randy mentioned Sunday, two philosophies that people lived by; *“Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.”* and *“Gin and bear it.”* What are some of the “belief systems” other than Christian that your friends or co-workers live by?

How can you find common ground with people who don't believe in Jesus as God's Son?

How can you use the bible to people to convince people who don't believe that it is God's Word, but rather it is just a bunch of fairy tales invented by men?

What is there about me that would attract people to want to get to know about Jesus?

Summer Action Groups

One activity a month during June, July and August that you like to do and would be willing to invite both people in and outside of the church to join you. Activity: _____

People I could ask to co-lead a group with me.

Dates:

Time:

Location:

Prayer Time-

Going Deeper: Read Titus 3:1-15

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. Vs. 8

Real Application: What we can do, let's do!