

Discussion Questions - 6/26/22

The Gospel for Every Place (Acts 17:22-34)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- What do you consider to be the important philosophical, moral, or cultural issues that Christians need to be addressed in our day? What does our Athens look like?
- Think of stories that you have read or watched or heard besides those in the Bible. What principles or ideas do any of these narratives teach? What connections do you see in these stories to the Bible's teaching about God?
- Some Christians might say that it is a compromise of your faith to read what nonbelievers have written or that it might weaken faith. What is your perspective? What does Paul's example teach us in this passage?
- What challenges do you face in your work environment, home, etc. in presenting the gospel in ways that connect to people who don't already believe? Have there been openings you could imagine yourself sharing a bit about your faith with others? What have you shared? What did you learn from that experience?
- Paul preached about God's grace in Christ. He also preached about a coming judgment upon people for how they responded to the light that they had in seeking or not seeking God. Many in our culture today reject the idea of a future judgment. Why do you think this is so? How might you address the subject with someone who does not accept that God would judge anyone?