

HEALING IN OUR WARS

Nov. 15, 2020 Acts 17:1-9

OPENING QUESTION

Have you ever been to a place that seemed very strange to you? Were the people strange, too? How did you handle being in such a strange place?

GOD CARES ABOUT EVERY PLACE AND PERSON - Acts 17:1

- Every person is sacred and made in the image of God.
- There is beauty in diverse cultures living in community.

1. **Have you ever been treated as if you weren't worth very much? How did it make you feel?**
2. **Have you ever been treated as if you were made in the image of God? Is everyone made in the image of God? How, then, should we treat every person we meet?**

GOD EQUIPS & EXPECTS EVERY PERSON TO ENGAGE - Acts 17:2-3

- Everyone lives, works, and plays in certain *domains* - the infrastructure that builds society.
- God has built the world where we are connected in every way - live your faith in every space.

1. **What are the domains where you live? Work? Play? (education, business, medical, etc)**
2. **Is the Gospel public or private? How do you make the Gospel public in your domains?**

GOD HAS DESIGNED YOU TO FLOURISH AS YOU ENGAGE

Acts 17:4-9

- You share in the mission of God in sharing the good news of Jesus.
- Obedience is learned, wisdom is acquired, humility is learned, brokenness is healed, courage and endurance is produced.

1. **Are you flourishing as a child of God? What does it look like for you to flourish?**
2. **How have you grown this year? What steps can you take to grow in your faith daily?**

HEALING THE DIVIDE

CLOSING QUESTIONS

Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week's sermon and Scriptures?

Obey

How do you feel about engaging in domains that are familiar to you? How do you feel about engaging in domains that are unfamiliar to you? Do you see others as being made in the image of God? Do you see yourself as being made in the image of God? Does Paul provide a model for engaging all people in this passage?

Pray

Choose one or two particular applications from this message and pray that God will provide opportunities to engage people in and out of your domains. How can you pray for one another in this area this week?