GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

SERMON OUTLINE

- 1. Provoked to action. Acts 17:16-21
- 2. Engaged in conversation. Acts 17:22-28
- 3. Confidence in the resurrection. Acts 17:29-31
- 4. Trust in Jesus. Acts 17:32-34

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. What did the Epicureans and Stoics believe? Knowing this, how did Paul contextualize the Gospel for his audience? What does that teach us about sharing the Gospel where we're at?
- 3. Give some examples of ways to start a Gospel conversation with someone. Think about specific ways to either bring up the topic or steer the discussion in that direction.
- 4. Are you confident in the hope of the resurrection of Jesus? If not, share those doubts with the group. If so, what changes as a result of that? How does or should that give us boldness in our workplace, in school, sharing the Gospel, etc.?
- 5. Where in life do you see yourself put trust or weight in things other than Jesus Christ? What was the sign that showed you you've put your trust in something else?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- 1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your faithfulness at being provoked to action when you see the lostness around you? What's one specific way you'd like to grow in sharing the hope of Jesus with others? What might a step of faithfulness toward growth in that look like this week?
- 2. When was the last time you really intentionally looked for a starting place to engage in a Gospel conversation? Whether it's at work, at home, in the grocery store, etc. What can you do to be more mindful of keeping an eye out for those opportunities?

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Praise God that he can hold any weight, can bear any burden in our lives that we might cast on Him.
- 2. Pray for that person you specifically identified this year to be sharing the Gospel with, that God would soften their heart and draw that person to Him.
- 3. Ask God to provoke us to action when we see the lost, and for the wisdom to engage them winsomely.