

8. Read Acts 17:27. When was the last time you gave someone hope in God?

9. Read Acts 17:29-31. How well do you do in inviting people to accept Christ? Can you give a time when you invited someone to give their life to Christ?

10. Have you removed the idols in your life? Read Deut. 5:7; Ezekiel 6:1-4. How does God feel about idols? Do you want to be used to remove idols from others?

Removing The Idols

- I. Paul took the time to **NOTICE** he was surrounded by idols. (vs.16)
- II. Paul became very **TROUBLED** by what he saw. (vs. 16; Deut. 5:7)
- III. Paul channeled his emotions into a positive **ACTION**. (vs. 17)
- IV. Paul was **PREPARED** to give a life changing response. (vs.17)
- V. Paul knew the importance of **CONNECTING** before **EXPECTING**.
 - A. He used **AFFIRMATION**. (vs. 22)
 - B. He began with the **FAMILIAR**. (vs. 23)
 - C. He **ENLARGED** their vision of God. (vs. 24&25)
 - D. He was **INCLUSIVE**. (vs. 26)
 - E. He gave them **HOPE**. (vs. 27)
 - F. He spoke the **LANGUAGE** of the culture. (vs. 28)
 - G. He invited them to **CHANGE**. (vs. 29-31)
 - H. He left the **RESULTS** up to God. (vs. 32-34)

*Paul could exhort with authority because he had **REMOVED** the idols from his life. (Ezekiel 6:1-4)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of July 11, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. How would you define an idol? Do you see idols in our city? Name a few. Do you believe Christians can have idols?

2. Read Acts 17:16. Do you become troubled like Paul when you see idols? Do you believe most Christians become troubled? Why?

3. Read Acts 17:17. Do you channel your emotions into positive action? How and why?

4. Read Acts 17:18-21. What are you doing to prepare yourself to give a life changing response to those in bondage to idols?

5. What are you doing to connect with people who need deliverance from idols?

6. Read Acts 17:22. Do you try to be affirming in some way or are you all non-affirming?

7. Read Acts 17:24&25. What have you done recently to enlarge someone's view of God? Does your life and community group enlarge people's view of God?