

Life Groups Discussion Guide

"Redeemed, Not Repeated" 4-12-26

Icebreaker

All-time favorite memory from childhood.

Scripture Reference

Acts 17:16-34

Intro

Has there been a message from this series that has stuck out to you? What and why?

Pastor Matt said that Paul was troubled when he saw Athens full of idols.

What are some modern-day idols you see in culture, society, or churches?

Pastor Matt said that Paul didn't revert to his old ways of attacking or forced coercion of the Athenians—he engaged them in conversation.

Do you think it is important or more effective to engage in conversation with people? Why or why not. Do you have a story of a time where you pushed someone to the truth? Or a story where you simply connected with them in conversation first? What happened?

Pastor Matt told us that Paul quoted two poets who wrote poems about Zeus.

Have you ever heard that before? Why do you think Paul quoted those? What is the significance of quoting poets? What does this teach us about sharing your faith with people today...

Takeaway: "Don't let tradition harden you, and don't let curiosity hollow you."

The Bereans listened and then searched the scriptures.

What does it look like practically to be "open-minded but discerning?" What helps you grow deeper with discernment?

Takeaway: "Transformation doesn't erase your past, it changes how you interact with it."

Paul's past followed him, but he handled it differently after meeting Jesus.

How has your relationship with your past changed since following Jesus?

Takeaway: "Following Jesus is more than understanding; it's surrendering."

The Athenians were curious but not committed.

Why do you think curiosity alone is not enough to follow Jesus? What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Some believed, some wanted to hear more, and some rejected Paul's message about Jesus.

Where do you see yourself in that response right now? Where are you in your journey, honestly?

CLOSE

Ask for prayer requests and pray, prayer!

Make sure they bring someone with them to the LG or to church on Sundays!

Remember, we are one service!

Thank them for coming!