CVC SERMON & LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Acts 17: From Fake to For Real!

Opening question: What or who do you turn to for security, hope, and peace when life feels uncertain?

1. **Opening Transition to Opposition:** Scripture Acts 17:1–15

   The Gospel Gets Opposed

- Paul proclaims Jesus as the Messiah and King.
- Some believe; others resist.
- Following Jesus may bring opposition, but He remains our true King.

Key question: What does it mean for Jesus to be your King?

2. **A World Full of Idols** Scripture: Acts 17:16–23

Athens was full of idols despite its reputation for learning and philosophy.

- Modern idols include money, success, politics, popularity, control, and approval.
- Anything we trust or love more than God can become an idol.
- The world needs the transforming presence of the living God.

Application: What competes with God for your heart?

3. **False Security: Trusting Systems Instead of God** Scripture: Acts 17:24–26

God is the Creator and giver of life. We depend on Him, not the systems we create.

- Money cannot guarantee peace.
- Leaders and governments cannot save our souls.
- God remains King when circumstances change.

Application: Is your security rooted in God or in your circumstances?

4. **Seek First the Kingdom of God** Scripture: Acts 17:27–29; Matthew 6:33–34

Seeking God's Kingdom means allowing His will to shape our priorities.

- Choose obedience over convenience.
- Choose truth over popular opinion.

- Choose faith over fear.
- Choose God's approval over people's approval.

Key truth: Before asking God to change the world around us, we must allow Him to change us.

Application: What needs to change in your priorities?

5. Lay Down Our Idols Scripture: Acts 17:29–31

Paul calls people to repent and turn to the living God.

- Surrender money, control, pride, and the need for approval.
- Release bitterness, hatred, and unforgiveness.
- Turn away from sin and toward God.

Key truth: Revival begins with repentance.

6. Jesus Is the Only One Who Can Make Us Whole Scripture: Acts 17:30–34

Our deepest need is reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus offers forgiveness and a new identity.
- Jesus brings peace with God and lasting hope.
- His resurrection confirms His lordship.

Key truth: Jesus is not one king among many. He is the Savior and risen King.

Conclusion: Turn to the Living God

Close in a Response of Prayer