

“M3- Man, Moment & Movement”

The Birth and Spread of the Church: ACTS
“Dealing with the Elements Life Throws at Us”
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Text: Acts 17

Growth (spiritually, emotionally, physically) does NOT happen in a vacuum; it requires *DEALING WITH THE ELEMENTS*.

In order to deal with the elements, we must possess two things:

C _____ &

Content: B _____

“The BLIMP” view – 3 cities

“The STADIUM” view –

“Different strokes for different folks” – method/manner of sharing

Thessalonica – they knew _____

Berea – they knew yet _____

Athens – they didn’t know and _____

“Lifestyles all around us” – approaching life from various angles

“The FIELD” view –

COURAGE = C _____

CONTENT = C _____

Sermon-Based Study Guide (and personal reflection)

As you read chapter 17 in Acts...what was *your* personal takeaway?

Accusation is made in 17:6 – **“these men...have turned the world upside down...”** Discuss this – True/False? Good or bad thing?

What are other themes found in the Old Testament that Jesus completes or fulfills? (E.g. – Jesus is THE manna from heaven...) How can these be powerful forms of persuasion?

Is your initial reaction to being insulted or put down as a Christ-follower to defend yourself or shy away from placing yourself in that position again? What lesson(s) can be learned from Paul’s experience at Athens (who was called a **babbl**er)?

Longenecker suggests that the constant hassle over Jesus and Caesar as king led to Paul’s avoidance of the words “kingdom” and “king” in his letters.

Paul highlights at least five (5) qualities of God in 17:24-29. Name them. (E.g. – He is Creator – v.24a)

“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.” – George Washington

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book.” – Abraham Lincoln

Helpful Resources:

The God Who Is There by Francis Schaeffer