

From the message on June 4

The Church the World Needs: Bold Witness, Acts 17

Text Acts 17:16-34

From the Sermon

Since Jesus matters most, we have little to fear from the prevailing confusion in the culture. But we do have some work to do! It's our joy to find ways to talk about Jesus with not-yet believers in our lives. Even when we cannot convince others to follow Jesus, we can be clear about the Gospel. And that's what *witness* is all about.

Opening Interaction.

Have you ever been a witness to an accident? Did you find it easy or difficult to explain to others what you experienced?

Read the passage and Discuss

- In this passage, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?
 - What is the author communicating to his audience (the readers)?
 - What does this passage teach us about Jesus mattering most?
1. In this passage, how does this setting compare to things you hear today? (The setting was described in the sermon by Dr. Mark Ryan.)
 2. What can we learn from this passage about authentic engagement with our cultural neighbors?
 3. True or False (and invite discussion): *A good witness is one that helps another person think seriously about who Jesus is.*

Encourage Each Other

To remain connected and love each other.
To grow through prayer.
To invite Jesus to matter most this week.