



Paul's Sermon at Athens

April 29, 2018

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of all nations, your word reaches every corner of the earth. Open our ears to your word, and our hearts to those around us who do not speak as we do, all for the sake of your Son Jesus, who loved and embraced us all, Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. (Acts 17:23-25)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul now enters a curious and unique place on his ministry journey: the diverse and inclusive city of Athens. Among all the varied philosophies and views presented, is there an audience for the gospel of Jesus?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you stepped way outside your comfort zone. What did you learn?

Wonder: Where would you like to travel? What would you like to see there?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God stretch you to learn and grow. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do a Google search on the Muslim community. Learn 3 things about them that you didn't know before. How does learning about them strengthen your own faith?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Acts 17:16-31, Paul's Sermon at Athens

Monday, Acts 18:1-17, Paul in Corinth

Tuesday, Acts 19:1-10, Paul in Ephesus

Wednesday, Acts 21:27-36, Paul Arrested in the Temple

Thursday, Acts 21:37-22:5, Paul Defends Himself

Friday, Acts 23:12-22, The Plot to Kill Paul

Saturday, Acts 28:23-30, Paul Preaches in Rome

Family Business

FAITH

Men's Bible Study Join us Tuesdays at 6:30am and Thursdays at 8:00am as we journey together through the scriptures.

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Pentecost Picnic May 20th Join us as we celebrate this important day and the end of our Sunday school year. Great food and good fun for all. Sign up to help bring some of the food and supplies. **CS**

Grandparents Camp July 5-8th Spend a whole, extended weekend with your grandchildren exploring God's creation and growing closer together. Talk to Ken Davidson with any questions. **CS**

IMPACT

Communication Volunteer We are looking for someone to help us understand current communication strategies for our community and to reach a wider audience. If you have experience or passion for this please let us know. **CS.**

Community Garden Sign-Up Attention gardeners, beginners or advanced, if you wish to reserve a plot please sign up on the bulletin board. Plots are \$20 for one and \$10 for each additional plot. **CS**

LOVE

BACHMAN'S GIFT CARDS The Tanzania Medical Group will be selling Bachman's gift cards after church. Profits from the gift card sales will go into the Tanzania Medical Tuition fund.

Community Care Kits are available in entryway to share with those that are homeless in our community. Take a few and put them in your car to share.

YOUTH

Wednesday Night Youth 5th-12th graders. Join us for fun, fellowship, and growing your faith. Pizza meal at 6:00pm - classes at 6:30pm.

Sunday School Preschool-4th grade join us after worship for a time of learning and fun. All are welcome to be a part of this.

Genesis Coffee Bar Want a fancy drink before or after church? Support our youth by purchasing drinks in the Fellowship space.

Peer Ministry Mini Retreat Youth grades 6-9 join us on Friday, May 4th from 6:00pm-10:30pm as we learn to be live as better peers in school and the world. Come and bring a friend. **CS**

Blessings to all who completed First Communion training.

* Gavin Specht	*Roz Bergquist
* Jenna Flegel	* Lincoln Benson
* Hadley Worm	* Abe Davidson
* Lily Christensen	* Stella Boroff
* Charles Boroff	* Maddie Luloff
* Terran Hendrickson	* Caleb Sahlin
* Haakon Hendrickson	* Michael Buss
* Nicole Klimpke	

Thank You Dan Benson Today our long time custodian Dan will be retiring. Please join us as we celebrate Dan and bless him as his journey continues. Thanks for all you've done Dan!