

FOLLOWING JESUS

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Acts 17

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. **17** He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.

A HEARTFELT CONCERN FOR CULTURE
DOESN'T HAVE TO RESULT IN
CONDEMNATION OF IT



²² So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, ²³ for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about.

²⁴ “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, ²⁵ and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

WE CAN BE OBSERVANT AND
SENSITIVE TO OUR PRESENT CULTURE



WE CAN LOOK FOR PRE-EXISTING PATHWAYS TO ADVANCE THE GOOD NEWS



27 “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. 28 For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

WE CAN LOOK FOR CULTURAL
EVIDENCE OF GOD'S PREVENIENT
GRACE



27 ... he is not far from any one of us. 28 For in him we live and move and exist. some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' 29 And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

WE CAN EMBODY CHRIST'S PRESENCE
FOR A SECULAR CULTURE



1 Peter 3

15...worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

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