

Home Group Discussion Guide

We Are: Desert People – Acts 17:16-32

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. How do you respond when someone asks, what's it like living in Alice Springs?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday? Why?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Acts 17:16-32

Consider Acts 17:16-32

1. Does the idea of changing the way the Gospel is shared make you uncomfortable? Why/ Why not?
2. Paul enters into Athens and he is **greatly distressed** by the idols he sees. How does this distress show in his actions?
 - a. Is God currently stirring your spirit for someone around you? Who?
3. What can we learn from where Paul places himself in the city, and the way he interacts with those around him?
 - a. What would it look like for you to follow Paul's example here?
4. Consider Paul's speech to the Areopagus –What are some of the ways you have seen the Gospel shared in a way that reflects the culture of the people before?
 - a. What are some of the Gospel truths you can identify in our desert community?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What part of being a desert people is God challenging you to take on this week?
2. What will it practically look like to engage with this this week?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

