

# ***“One God”***

**Acts 17:16-34 – October 8, 2017**

## **Life Group and Personal study**

*This guide, based on Sunday’s sermon, provides additional study and reflection for Life Group discussion and personal Bible study. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a conversational resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time in God’s Word!*



### **1) Backgrounds**

What sports or games have you played? What insights did you need to know as you played? Why was it important to know what constitutes a win?

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13 and Matthew 6:33. How would you summarize humanity’s aim in life?

Why is it important to know God? (see Proverbs 1:7, Psalm 111:10, 2 Peter 1:3-4)

**2) Devotional** - Share any insights God has given you from our Fall devotional book recently.

**3) Read Acts 17:16-34 again and think back over Sunday’s sermon.**

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

What’s your response to the idea: *“Life’s win is to know the One True God and live life God’s way.”*

**4) Understanding the Passage**

What was unique about Paul’s approach to the philosophers in Acts 17:16-34? How did he contextualize the truth of God? Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. How does this relate to us today?

How can the church build bridges, rather than barriers, in communicating the truth of God and the Good News of Jesus? What are ways you’ve seen bridges built or barriers constructed?

**5) Digging Deeper**

Read Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 46:9, Mark 12:29, Romans 3:30, Ephesians 4:6, James 2:19,

1 Corinthians 8:6. What do these passages teach us about God?

In light of these truths, how should we as Christians respond in action?

**6) Personal Reflection**

What might be some specific ways you could build bridges to those who do not yet follow Jesus?

What truth of God can I embrace to grow in greater understanding of Him?

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**Answers to Sunday’s “fill in the blanks” & other Bible verses**

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## Introductory Notes:

Ecclesiastes 12:13, Matthew 6:33  
Deuteronomy 4:39, John 17:3  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**God is Truth that Compels** vs16-23  
John 14:6

**God is Creator without Limits** vs24-25  
Genesis 1 & 2  
Link to the video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=yCGadbs4NcQ>  
Psalm 145:3  
Jeremiah 29:11

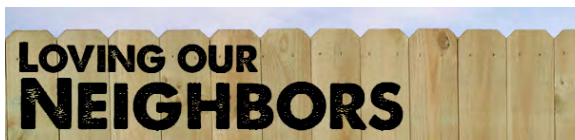
**God is Sovereign and Knowable** vs26-29  
Romans 9:19-21/Isaiah 29:16, Psalm 139

**God is a Righteous Judge that gives Hope** vs30-31

**God is a Life Changer through Belief** vs32-34



*An ancient monument to an 'unknown god' found in Turkey*



neighbors will be out and about, so let’s be neighborly!

For those who haven’t shared their “loving my neighbor” story, please share. As Halloween approaches, look for ways to bless your neighbors. Give out good candy. Have some coffee and hot cocoa for parents who are walking the neighborhoods with their children. The

Our next outreach emphasis as a church will be encouraging us to throw Christmas parties. It could be a block party or maybe God might lead you just to open your home (or yard – this is Southern California, after all!). You’ll hear more information on Sundays, but until then keep praying and loving those neighbors. (How’s that *Block Map* looking now?).