

# Building Bridges, Not Barriers Discussion Questions

Acts 17:16-34

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1. What are some things people do that sicken you? How do you respond to it?
2. How do people pursue pleasure today? How can Christians get caught up in this as well? How can we make sure we are pursuing things of God instead of pleasure?
3. How do people try to combine all the different religions into one? Can this be done? Why or why not?
4. Athens was filled with idols, what "idols" does America have today? What are some "idols" you may have in your own life? How do we remove these "idols" and put God in His rightful place?
5. What are things people try out to satisfy the hole they feel in their hearts? Do these things work? Why don't they? Who is the only thing that can fill that spot?
6. With the things that you mention earlier that sicken you, what can you compliment them for? How can you show them respect?
7. Which of the following responses, isolate, insulate, imitate, or infiltrate, do you find yourself doing? Why do you choose this particular response? Is your response the best one you can have? Why or why not? How can you make it a better response?
8. If you find you don't have any connection to non-believers, where can you go, or what new thing can you try, to make some connections to non-believers?
9. With the things that sicken us, what need do you see that these people have? Is there a way you can meet their need and make a connection to God?
10. Read Acts 17:25. Why do we serve God if He doesn't need anything from us?
11. Read Acts 17:26. Why is it important that all races came from Adam?
12. Read Acts 17:27 and Ecclesiastes 3:11. Why did God create in all of us a desire to know Him? Would we ever find God without this desire in us? Why or why not?
13. Read Acts 17:30-31. Are we still ignorant of God? Why or why not? Since we are not ignorant, what responsibilities do we have?
14. Read Hebrews 9:27. What do we face when our life ends?
15. How does the Holy Spirit use sin, righteousness, and judgment to bring conviction? Can you give an example from your life?
16. Would you rather face Jesus as a Judge or as a Justifier? Why?
17. How come we are not responsible for the way others respond to the Gospel? What are we responsible for?
18. How should we feel when people reject the Gospel? How should we feel when someone wants to hear more, but doesn't want to decide right now? How should we feel when someone accepts the Gospel?