

WE ARE ALL
WITNESSES
THE BOOK OF ACTS

Reaching Out Without Selling Out

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Ice Breaker:

What is something that you know a lot about that would surprise people?

Understanding the Context:

Read Acts 17:16-34. What was Paul's argument? What was their response?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-22. What is God's response to falsehood? What should ours be?

Connecting to the Gospel:

Turn to Matthew 10:16-20. Discuss how Paul's experience in Athens compares to what Jesus says in Matthew 10 about sharing the Gospel. What does this mean for us?

What are the key components of the Gospel of Jesus? Take a moment for your group to share how they have communicated the Good News and any insights on making the message clear and relevant in different contexts.

Living out the Truth:

When engaging with non-believers, do you find yourself more inclined to adapt to their worldview or to confront them too harshly? How can you strike a biblical balance?

Accountability:

Are there any areas of your life where you believe something about God that doesn't align with his Word? Do you ever find yourself focusing more on God's grace and forgetting that He is also a judge?

Are there areas in your life where you've watered down the Gospel in your witness for the Lord? What can you do to correct this?

Parenting Moment:

Take a moment to read Matthew 10:16-20 to your child(ren). Remind them of how we stand on the truth of God's word even when the world or our friends will try and convince us to compromise the truth. Pray with them that they may be bold to stand up for the truth of God's word to the people around them.