

For the week of March 5, 2017  
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# Connecting with Culture

23<sup>rd</sup> week in the series *Sent: Living the Mission of the Church*

Acts 17: 16-34

After being called to a new area of the world, Paul arrives in Athens, one of the most symbolically important cities of the ancient world. His engagement with the culture there gives us an incredible model of how to apply the Gospel of Jesus to a culture that needs to hear it. His method is different than what we would expect. And so are his results.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the specific ideas that our culture has about God?
2. What are some of the ideas that people around here hold sacred? What are our unknown gods?
3. What things can we affirm about our cultures values and beliefs? How are those things connected in a deeper way to who God is?
4. How do we invite people to a response of repentance? How do encourage people to make a choice for something more?
5. Describe any experiences you've had attempting to connect the Gospel with culture. What was the response?
6. What holds you back from connecting or correcting our culture?
7. How does expecting a mixed response give you more freedom to be faithful in proclaiming the Gospel?