

“Creators Not Critics”

Acts 17:22-34

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Sermon Series: “Joining in God’s Restoration”

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THE BIG IDEA

We have the choice to be offended and critical of the things around us, or to allow that offence to provoke us into action and create change.

GETTING STARTED

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Is that what you became? If not, what changed?
2. Can you think of a time when you were offended and tempted to be critical, but allowed God to speak to you and create change instead? (small things are just as important)

LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

Together, read Acts 17:22-34 (you can go back to 1-21 for more background if desired).

3. What would you say Paul created in his speech at the Areopagate? What surprises you about this sermon compared to others Paul gives?
4. Why do you think this speech (sermon) is so different? What does this teach us about knowing our audience when sharing the gospel?
5. Read the first few words of Genesis 1:1 and the first sentence of Genesis 1:26. What does this tell you about who God is and who we are created to be?
6. In a brainstorm style, call out things that everyone can easily create (i.e. dialogue, friendship, etc.) Which of these excite you? Why?
7. What does it mean to live constructively rather than destructively?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

8. From your brainstorming, decide how you can create something this week.
9. As your week goes on, be aware of ways you can respond that are constructive rather than destructive. Make an intentional decision to respond constructively. Report back.

THE “EXTRA-MILE”

Check out this source about combating sex trafficking.

<https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/facts>

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