

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of September 20-21, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

## Turning the World Upside Down

(Acts 17:1-12)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 17:1-12.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within this passage, Pastor Alan sees three core elements which can help us impact this world.

First core element - A commitment to engage people in gospel conversations. (17:2-3)

In verse two, we read that Paul "reasoned" with others in the synagogue. Pastor Alan explained that the word "reason" means to dialogue. He also highlighted the tradition of "Midrash" which describes a wrestling with Scripture.

How often do you find yourself in a true dialogue over Scripture vs. someone giving an explanation of what Scripture says?

If you do engage in this type of dialogue, what does it look like?

When, if ever, have you felt shut down by someone who spoke with certainty about a particular interpretation of Scripture? How did this impact you?

When, if ever, have you potentially shut someone else down out of your own certainty? If this is a tendency you are just recognizing in yourself, what might it look like for you to respond differently than you normally would?

When have you changed a point of view regarding Scripture that you once held tightly to? How, if at all, can this realization impact you moving forward?

Pastor Alan described believers as, “travelers on a road of discovery.” What can this look like? How well does this description describe your faith walk?

Second core element - A commitment to absolute allegiance to Jesus. (vs. 17:7-9)

Pastor Alan states that, “The gospel is not simply our ticket to heaven. The gospel is our pathway into the realm of and the values of Jesus’ Kingdom.”

How fully does your life reflect the reality that Jesus is king?

What could it look like to embrace this reality more fully?

Pastor Alan suggested that many Christians, “settle for a vending machine gospel rather than a life transforming gospel.”

If you find yourself minimizing the full promise of the gospel, share what this looks like and how it impacts the walk you live?

What could more fully embracing Jesus as king in your life look like?

Third core element – A commitment to the Scriptures. (vs. 17:11-12)

Paul describes the people of Berea as more “noble” due to their eager and daily examination of Scripture.

What does your current engagement with the Word look like?

What is your current eagerness to engage with the Word?

When, if ever, have you experienced the reward of deep, consistent engagement with the Word?

If any of the above elements are sparking a greater call for you to dive deeper, which one is it and what could it look like for you to move forward?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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