

02-02-2025 Message



**WE ARE ALL
MISSIONARIES**
WELCOME TO MISSIONS SUNDAY

1 Group Start Theme Slide

Mission Sunday

We are all missionaries.

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¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

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Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) 1 of 2

²⁰Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

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Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) Last of 2

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.
¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

Acts 17:16-21 (ESV)

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¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

Acts 17:16-21 (ESV)

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Acts 17:16-21 (ESV) 2 of 4

¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?
²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.”

Acts 17:16-21 (ESV)

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²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Acts 17:16-21 (ESV)

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¹⁶*His spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.*

Acts 17:16b (ESV)

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Acts 17:16 (ESV)

⁴¹And when he drew near and saw the city,
he wept over it.

Luke 19:41 (ESV)

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Luke 19:41 (ESV)

The Epicureans were atheists; they denied
God's existence and the afterlife. Their
chief goal was the pursuit of pleasure, and
their deepest desire was the avoidance of
pain. Their motto was, "*Eat, drink and be
merry, for tomorrow we die.*"

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The Stoics were pantheists who believed everything was God and God was in everything. Their motto was, "*Grin and bear it.*" Apathy was regarded as the highest virtue in life.

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“—————

The human heart is an idol factory... every one of us from our mother's womb is an expert in inventing idols.

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John Calvin

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1. Find the positive in people.

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²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

Acts 17:22 (ESV)

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Acts 17:22 (ESV)

We should never be surprised when non-Christians act like non-Christians.

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FOUR WAYS BELIEVERS TYPICALLY RESPOND TO THE WORLD:

- Isolate
- Insulate
- Imitate
- Infiltrate

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We must stop thinking “us vs. them”
and move toward “us *for* them.”

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2. | Connect to a need.

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²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.'

Acts 17:23a (ESV)

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Acts 17:23 (ESV)



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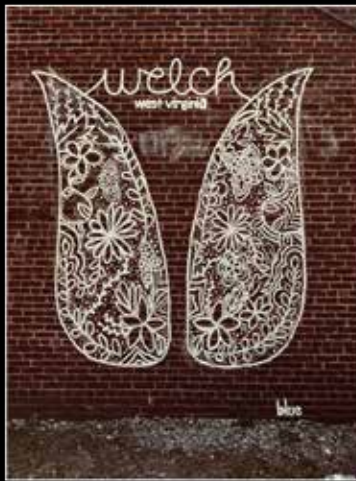
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3. Talk about God.

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²³What therefore you worship as unknown,
this I proclaim to you.

Acts 17:23b (ESV)

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Acts 17:23 (ESV)

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,
²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. Acts 17:24-27 (ESV)

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²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,
²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,
Acts 17:24-27 (ESV)

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Acts 17:24-27 (ESV) Last of 2

God is the creator of everything.
God is Lord of all.
God cannot be contained in a building.
God does not need anything from anyone.
God sustains His creation.

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The entire human race can be traced
to Adam.
God determines the time and place for
every individual and every nation.
God put within us a desire to know
Him.

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- You didn't make God; He made you.
- He doesn't need you; you need Him.
- He's looking for you; even when you're not looking for Him.

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²⁸for “In him we live and move and have our being’;
as even some of your own poets have said,
“For we are indeed his offspring.’

Acts 17:28 (ESV)

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Acts 17:28 (ESV)

4. Call for repentance.

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¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17 (ESV)

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Matthew 4:17 (ESV)

³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked,
but now he commands all people
everywhere to repent,

Acts 17:30 (ESV)

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Acts 17:30 (ESV)

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your
sins may be blotted out,

Acts 3:19 (ESV)

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Acts 3:19 (ESV)

5. Point them to Jesus!

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³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:31 (ESV)

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Acts 17:31 (ESV)

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

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Romans 6:23 (ESV)

6. | Leave the results to God.

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Some rejected.
Others were reluctant.
A few received.

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- Find the positive in people
- Connect to a need.
- Talk about God.
- Call for repentance.
- Point them to Jesus!
- Leave the results to God.

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1. Repent and profess Christ.

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⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (ESV)

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2. Look for opportunities to connect with non-Christians.

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3. Encourage and support those who are connecting with non-Christians.

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