Sermon Discussion Questions
The Church Jesus is Building: Week 10
Acts 17:16-33

*Here are some questions to discuss as you think about the message from **Acts 17:16-33.***

1. Who is your "hero"? Why? What does it mean to "save the day"?

2. Why is Paul in Athens? Why is he "deeply troubled"?

3. What is going on at Athens? What are some of the different groups of people there?

4. How did Paul build a bridge with his audience? What connections did he make between their beliefs and Jesus?

5. How does Paul share his faith? What does he emphasize? What does he not emphasize? Why?

6. How do the Athenians respond to Paul's message?

7. Is Jesus the hero of your story, or just one of the supporting characters?

8. What does your own mission to the "Athenians" look like? Consider each of the following parts and questions to ask yourself in the process:

   - **Hurt**—Do you hurt with those who are hurting because they don't have a relationship with Jesus? Who are you "deeply troubled" about?
   - **Learn**—Do you want to learn more about those who think differently from you about God? Why? What could you read or watch together to learn more?
   - **Build a Bridge**—How is Jesus the answer to the questions our "Athenians" are asking? Think about those you are trying to reach. What questions are you answering that they're not asking?
   - **Invite**—What opportunity do you have to ask someone to join you in following Jesus? What is holding you back?

If you'd like to go deeper, read Psalm 37. Ask the Lord to remind you of his goodness and sovereignty in a world that is full of evil, injustice, and uncertainty. Here's a prayer to get you started.

Lord, forgive me for fretting and not trusting in you. Help me to see your beauty, your goodness, your love, your Kingdom so clearly that I cannot help but worship you. May the desire of my heart be to please you. Forgive me for my apathy towards those who are lost. Fill me, Holy Spirit, with the compassion of Jesus and show me the next right thing to do.