

Unfinished: The Ongoing Work of Jesus
Movement Five -The Church On Mission
A Gospel for Every City

Acts 17-19 | Pastor Chris Lenhart | 4/26/26



Series Big Idea: We, the Church, remain as a continuation of the book of Acts. The work that Jesus finished on the cross he now continues through his Spirit-filled church.

This Week's Anchor Question:

What happens when the gospel enters a community and how should we carry the gospel into our own?

In Thessalonica, the gospel disrupts proud hearts...(17:1-9)

- The gospel that saves also naturally:
 - Reorders _____
 - Disrupts _____
 - Challenges whatever sits at the _____ besides Jesus.

In Berea, the gospel invites honest examination...(17:10-15)

- A pattern for daily engagement with the Scriptures:
 - Receive _____
 - Examine _____
 - Search _____

"The truth of God's word will examine us, as we examine it."

In Athens, the gospel exposes ideas and idolatry...(17:16-34)

- A pattern for speaking about our faith:
- Paul begins his sermon in Athens with _____.
- Our One, True, Living God → And our appropriate response.

A Pattern we Continue...

How does this text enter into and inform my current life context?

- 1) Awareness →
- 2) Relational entry →
- 3) Connection →
- 4) Clarity →

**Hyper Links
to other
Scriptures**

Acts 1-16

Matt. 28:18

Heb. 4:12

Holding Tension: This space is left empty for unresolved questions, convictions, or prompts for further study/reading...

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

Acts 17-19

Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with Prayer: Ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.

Opening Prompt: *How does the mission of Jesus continue to multiply even as it encounters resistance, misunderstanding, and suffering?*

Read the text (or portions) from 2 different versions – Acts 17-19

Looking Back – Understanding the Text

1. What surprised you or stood out differently hearing the text again?
2. What seems unfinished, unresolved, or still in motion in this passage?
3. What does this text reveal about how Jesus works through ordinary people?

Looking Inward – Formation & the Heart

4. Where do you resonate with the disciples or early church in this passage?
5. What fears, expectations, or distractions does this text gently expose?
6. How does this passage invite deeper trust in Jesus and dependence on the Spirit?

Looking Around – Community & Witness

7. How does this text shape the way we relate to one another as a church?
8. What would it look like to live this passage out together, not just individually?
9. Where might God be positioning us for witness—near or far?

Looking Forward – Participation in God's Ongoing Work

10. What step of obedience or attentiveness feels most pressing this week?
11. Where might Jesus be asking us to wait, pray, speak, or move?
12. Who in our lives might God be drawing toward Himself through us?

Practical Living – This Week's Application (choose one or more)

- Write or journal a prayer to pray daily:
- What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender):
- Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage:

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