

# FINDING COMMON GROUND

## Reaching A Lost World For Christ

Acts 17:16-34

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### Bottom Line:

The culture we live in has moved further and further away from a biblical foundation. This calls for the church to find points of common ground from which to share Jesus Christ.

1. **Transform the way you \_\_\_\_\_ this world because Jesus has transformed you.** Acts 17:16
2. **Dedicate yourself to finding \_\_\_\_\_ to build God's kingdom.** Acts 17:17-26

<u>Epicureans</u>	<u>Stoic philosophers</u>
-chief purpose in life=pursuit of pleasure	-Panteists (everything was god /god was in everything)
-valued most the pleasure of inner peace (free from pain, disturbing passions/ superstitious fears)	-emphasis on moral sincerity /duty
-didn't deny the existence of gods, but gods have nothing to do with man.	-cultivated spirit of proud dignity
- "Live hidden" speaks of dislike for politics	- believed suicide was better than life without dignity.
	-No particular direction for mankind

- A. " \_\_\_\_\_ " = not wasted time but became an opportunity.
  - B. "his spirit" - looking through the "lens" of Jesus.
  - C. " \_\_\_\_\_ " - observing with a goal of acting.
3. **Overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crowd's opinion in order to please Christ.** Acts 17:17-21



4. **Seek \_\_\_\_\_ without compromising the gospel.** Acts 17:22-34

### Now What? Building a Foundation of Caring:

- Become a good " \_\_\_\_\_ conversationalist".
- Look for opportunities to meet needs as you listen.
- Comfortably share your love for the Lord and your \_\_\_\_\_.

### Curiosity Raisers:

- Reading your Bible or a Christian book.
- Listening to Christian radio in your home or car.
- Utilizing discussion starters in your home or interactions.
- Freely giving out invite cards to church.

### Discussion Starters:

- Do you attend a church?
- What's your belief about God?
- Would you ever be interested in joining a Bible Study?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- If God asked you "Why should I let you into heaven?", what would you say?