



Placed With Purpose | Acts 17:24-28

1. Read Acts 17:16-32 to understand the context of our Scripture verses. What do verses 24-25 reveal about God? How might these truths challenge the way we sometimes think about Him?
2. Chris reminded us of something we already knew: that God is not confined to church buildings. How would greater awareness of His presence change the way you approach an ordinary weekday?
3. Paul says that God gives everyone *"life and breath and everything else"*. How should our dependence on God shape our attitude towards the people we hope to reach?
4. Verse 26 describes humanity's shared origin. How does this challenge the assumptions, prejudices, or divisions that can influence whom we welcome and whom we overlook? How, do you think, is this a particular challenge in a conurbation like Christchurch, or not?
5. Chris said, *"Your place may not be permanent. But it need not be purposeless."* What might faithfulness look like in a situation you did not choose or would like to change?
6. According to verse 27, what is God's purpose in ordering human times and places? How does this deepen our understanding of being *"placed with purpose"*?
7. Paul paid attention to the people of Athens before he spoke. What questions or longings have you noticed in people around you, and how could you listen more carefully?
8. God *"is not far from any one of us"*. How might this encourage someone who feels forgotten, sceptical, or uncertain about seeking Him?
9. Chris's message moved from God as Creator to God making Himself known through Jesus. Why is Jesus central to the hope we share with others?
10. Think of one place you regularly spend time. What specific step could you take this week to notice the people there, understand their lives, and respond with the love of Jesus?
11. Last weekend, we were each asked to think of one person God may be calling us to reach with the Gospel. How has that been going and how does Acts 17 encourage you?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

