

My World
Part 7: God's Advance Team
Acts 17:16-34

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Main Point: Begin Where God Has Already Begun

I. Be Sensitive to the Guidance of the Holy Spirit (17:16)

II. Begin the Oikos Process (17:17)

III. Look for Open Doors (17:18-21)

IV. Prepare Yourself to Speak (17:22-31)
A. Connect with God's Advance Work

B. Speak the Truth

V. Watch God Work (17:32-34)

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you look back and you can now see how God was at work through difficult events and people to bring about the current result? Describe the ways God had been at work before you even noticed?
2. What thought from last week's sermon impacted you the most? Why?

Going Deeper

3. What were some of God's hidden advance work in each of the following people that prepared them for a critical time in their life?
 - Joseph saving his people from the famine
 - Moses leading the people in the wilderness
 - David becoming King
 - Paul becoming a leader of the church

4. What are some of the ways that people connected with God's advance work in each of the following people's lives?
 - Synagogue Leader

 - Guards in Prison

 - Crippled Person Healed

 - Timothy

 5. Look at your oikos. Identify some of the areas where God may have done advance work in their lives.

 6. For each of these areas of God's advance work, how can you make a connection with that person?

 7. What will it take for you to regularly and intentionally maintain this attitude of analyzing your oikos to see God's advance work?

 8. There are nine excellent questions to ask every time we study a passage of Scripture. Some of them will apply better to one passage while others will apply to another. Pick one of these questions to answer based upon this sermon and your study.
 - Is there an example for me to follow?

 - Is there a sin to avoid?

 - Is there a promise to claim?

 - Is there a prayer to repeat?

 - Is there a command to obey?

 - Is there a condition to meet?

 - Is there a verse to memorize?

 - Is there a doctrine to believe?

 - Is there a challenge to face?

 9. What attribute of God emerges from this passage or study? Make sure to worship God for that attribute in your time of prayer.
- For Deeper Application**
Sharing from this section is much more personal and is always voluntary. Only share the answer to this question if you feel comfortable doing so.
10. Have you ever pressed to get God to work on your time table and in your way instead of working on His? How did it go?