



**Connecting**  
Message 4

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2. Engage \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 17:18-23. C/R: Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 1:18-20;  
1 Corinthians 9:19-22; Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 Peter 3:15-16)

► **Outline**

"... This God, who you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling  
you about." **Acts 17:23 (NLT)**

**A. Introduction**

(1 Chronicles 12:32; 1 Corinthians 9:19-22)

**B. Connecting to spread Good News...**

(Acts 17:16-34)

1. Examine \_\_\_\_\_.

(Acts 17:16-17. C/R: 1 Corinthians 10:14; Galatians 4:8-9;  
Colossians 3:5; 1 John 5:21)

3. Explain God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 17:24-34. C/R: John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6;  
Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 9:27-28)

**Answers:** 1. culture 2. opportunities 3. nature

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### ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

#### Conversation Starter

Name something that recently brought you joy.

#### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to give you insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

#### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Acts 17:1-9](#).

1. Paul used the Scriptures to reason with the people ([vs. 2](#)). Which Bible passages do you usually refer to when talking with others about Jesus?
2. Which aspects of Jesus' life did Paul focus on?
3. What Old Testament passage best helps you understand our need for Jesus?

Read [Acts 17:10-15](#).

4. How would you describe the people of Berea?
5. Do you know anyone who's open-minded, maybe even eager, to have a conversation about Jesus? If so, who?
6. What do you imagine it would be like if they opened their heart to Jesus?

Read [Acts 17:16-23](#).

7. What was the main concern Paul had with the people of Athens?
8. How did he reason with them?
9. What topic in the Bible do you wish you knew more about? Why is that topic important to you?
10. What does [Acts 17](#) teach you about connecting with others?

#### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is something we do to interrupt our usual thoughts, feelings and patterns enabling us to move more deeply into the life of Christ.*

Name one way God has changed your life. Who might benefit from hearing this specific story because of what they're going through right now? Ask God to give you an opportunity to connect with that person, to tell them about the amazing and endless love of God.

#### Memory Verse

*...I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.*

[1 Corinthians 9:22b \(NLT\)](#)

#### Daily Reading

Day 1: [1 Chronicles 12:32](#)

Day 4: [1 Peter 3:13-18](#)

Day 2: [Galatians 4:8-9](#)

Day 5: [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Day 3: [Ephesians 5:15-17](#)

#### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 9, we'll continue our series titled *Church Extended*.

To prepare, read [Acts 18](#).



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