

CrossWalk **notes**

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Directed To Meet People Where They Are

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How can I best meet people where they are with the gospel?

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. **Acts 17:16, NIV**

Does my _____ over idolatry turn into _____ at the sins of others?

Or does it turn into a _____ to _____ of my own idolatry and _____ the lost?

¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. **Acts 17:17, NIV**

¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" **Acts 17:19, NIV**

²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' **Acts 17:26-28, NIV**

How do I meet people where they are?

- **O** _____ what is happening.
- **I** _____ a conversation.
- **L** _____ well.
- **S** _____ the difference Jesus makes.

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²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. **Acts 17:27, NIV**

Everyone is _____ to fill the God-sized _____ in our heart.

²⁹ Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead." ³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." ³³ At that, Paul left the Council. **Acts 17:29-33, NIV**

God's judgment is _____, therefore _____.
Jesus' _____ is real, therefore build the _____ for the gospel.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will strive to observe those around me, invite a conversation, listen well, and then share the gospel by building a bridge to those who are searching for Jesus.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connect card.