

RESPONDING TO OUR CULTURE

Acts 17:16-34

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

TWO EXTREMES

BEING A _____ FOLLOWER OF JESUS

KEY WORDS: _____ & _____

“I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.” John 17:14

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Colossians 3:2

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one...As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” John 17:15,18

BEING A _____ FOLLOWER OF JESUS

KEY WORDS: _____ & _____

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” Mt 7:13-14

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” Matthew 3:8

HOW TO BECOME A _____ FOLLOWER OF JESUS

KEY WORDS: _____ & _____

1. BUILD YOUR _____

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 7:24

2. UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF YOUR COMMUNITY &

PRACTICE _____

“For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship... ..I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god.” Ac 17:23

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

3. GET _____ AND LOVE PEOPLE

When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the “sinners” and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” Mark 2:16

*“Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.” Ac 17:22
“As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’” Ac 17:28*

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.” Ac 17:24

“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.” Ac 17:30