

SERMON NOTES

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A * May 14, 2023

Sermon by the Revered Tom Rutherford

Acts 17:22-31 * Psalm 66 * 1 Peter 3:13-22 * John 14:15-21

What Bothers You?

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

Does it distress us...?

What can we do?

People will ask:

- ✦ Why are you different?
- ✦ Why don't you Like other people?
- ✦ You seem to believe this stuff. Why?

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience. 1 Peter 3:15-16

That which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 1 John 1:1

Whom do I know who needs a better relationship with God?

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1. P_____ for them.
 2. L_____ and S_____ them.
 3. When they ask, be Ready to A_____.
 4. Give a card, and I_____ them here.

Next Week's Lessons

Acts 1:6-14 * Psalm 68:1-10 * 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 * John 17:1-11

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What person or group of people are you concerned about, because something is wrong or lacking in their life?
2. What's different about you or the way you live your life from other people you know, because of your faith in God?
3. Why do you believe this God stuff? Or not?
4. Who is someone you know who needs a better relationship with God? What could you do to help them know the Lord better?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for his grace in your life.
 - ✦ Thanking God for giving you evidence to believe in him.
 - ✦ For that person or group you talked about in #1.
 - ✦ For that person you talked about in #4 to become spiritually curious and ask you questions.
 - ✦ Asking God to work through you to touch that person.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.