

Acts Week 10/ Family Convo Sheet

As we go through the book of Acts we learn a lot about the early Christian community, the work of God's spirit through his followers, and the communities of people committed to him. As readers of this book, and modern followers of His way, it can be helpful to take time and process together the ways the Holy Spirit is still working in our communities.

Check in on everyone's week:

- **What's been good/ hard?**
- **Has anyone seen God move in cool ways this week?**
- **Who has experienced the spirit of God doing something cool or interesting this week?**
- **Parents - share one way they've experienced God powerfully in their lives**
- **Students - share how they've seen God move in their life.**

Pray - (At COW we always like to pray before reading the Bible together as a community! Pray that God will help us to understand his word, and challenge us to follow him better!)

Read Acts 19 & 20 Together as a family! (Sometimes popcorn reading can be a fun way to break it up. Make sure everyone feels invited to stop the reading and share insights. Parents, feel free to stop the reading and check for understanding... What is going on here? What do you think this tells us about God? etc.)

Simple Questions (Acts focuses so much on the work of the Holy Spirit, we want to help students process the work of God's spirit by exploring how the spirit moves us to right thinking, right feeling, and right action.)

- What should we **think about** having read this section of Acts?
- What **emotions** might we feel if we were in the same situation as Paul?
- What **action** should we be encouraged to take having read this?

Watch Video #10

Discuss Dan's insights

- **Was there anything that Dan shared that stood out to you? Explain why!**
- Dan shares that when people came to know Jesus, or became "followers of the way" they would start to influence their own community & neighbors.
 - **How might your family influence people for Jesus this week?**
 - **Come up with one tangible thing you can do this week to bless the people in your close community, in the name of Jesus.**

- Dan describes how Paul challenged the people at the Temple of Artemis, telling them that that type of worship wasn't actually going to fulfil their needs. That Artemis was a false God...
 - **How was this received?**
 - **What are some of the “modern temples of artemis” Dan talks about?**
 - Check for understanding here - **What does he mean that there are industries that are devoted to “getting us to put our faith in something that can't really save us”?**
 - **Dan used the illustration of celebrity culture (trying to put our focus on becoming a star) the cosmetics industry, sports, and college can we think of others?**
 - **Are we sometimes tempted to put our faith in these things to give us significance?**
- Dan said our mission is not all that different from the Apostle Paul's journey: to seek out and name those false Gods that trick us into thinking they can meet all our needs, then talking about the Jesus who can meet all our needs.
 - **What might this look like in a 2020 middle school?**
 - **What does this look like for parents in 2020?**
 - **What are some of the things your family is tempted to run towards, hoping it will make you feel significant? (sports? College? etc)**
 - **How can we remind each other that Jesus is really the one who will give us significance?**
- Dan ends by sharing a section of chapter 20, where we see the depth of love in the community of followers of Jesus.
 - **Where does our family experience community like this?**
 - **Parents - Share an experience of feeling deep love in a community & share an experience of feeling left out by a community.**
 - **Students - if you feel comfortable, share the same.**
 - **How can we support each other in finding communities like the one Paul here leaves?**
 - **How can we support each other when we feel left out? How can we be better about sharing when we do feel left out?**
 - **Take a moment and commit to support each other to find meaningful community.**

Take a final moment to pray & ask that God would help your family move forward trusting Jesus more this week!