**THE OTHER 6: Marketplace**

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point that stood out to you or challenged you?
2. Have you ever been a part of a church that was more social club than rescue station? What is required of the leadership and the congregation of an outward-focused church?
3. Read **Acts: 17:16-20**. Derek’s sermon describes four things that are affected in us as a result of a close relationship with Jesus:
   1. The first is where we go. Paul brought Jesus to the marketplace and encouraged people to turn away from their emptiness and turn to the permanent, a Savior who can satisfy. How do you do this in your workplace and social circles?
   2. The second thing that is affected by Jesus is how we feel. Paul was “greatly distressed”, his spirit was “provoked” by the godlessness of the people he met in the great city of Athens. He was compelled to share the gospel. How do you feel when you witness godlessness in co-workers, friends and family? How can you follow Paul’s lead and talk to the lost? Are there other ways to “preach” the Gospel?
   3. The third thing affected by Jesus is how we see. Pastor Derek preached that a relationship with Jesus Christ doesn’t just offer some inner strength, we are given a whole new way of seeing everything. If you ask God to help you see through his eyes, what will you see differently in your marketplace?
   4. The fourth thing that is affected in us as a result of our relationship with Christ is what we do. Paul saw each conversation as a divine appointment. Imagine a world where every Christian saw every encounter as divine. When you sense an opportunity to talk about your faith, how do you proceed, what do you do?
4. How can we prepare ourselves to go, see, feel and do as the apostle Paul did in Athens and everywhere he went? How do we carry our best Sunday selves into the other six this week?
5. Read **Acts 17:22-34**. Paul offers a beautiful, brief explanation of his God. Are you prepared to offer a concise explanation of the Gospel if you are ever asked to share “the good news” of Jesus Christ?

**Application and Prayer:** Lord, help us to seek you each day, in each encounter. Help us to consciously go into the marketplace just as we consciously go to church on Sunday. Help us to go and feel and see and do the things that Paul experienced, the things that Jesus experienced in as he walked among us. In Jesus’ name we ask these things. Amen.