

# CHURCH IN THE WILD

## Discussion Guide for “Not Like the Others”

### *Church in the Wild Week 7*

There's a way of being religious that closes us up to people who aren't like us. When we walk that path, we can't be the people Jesus calls us to be to the people Jesus calls us to love. How can we remain open? We follow Paul to Athens to see a picture of bold, open faith - faith that can transform the wild!

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Acts 17:16-34](#); [John 10:14-16](#)

*click here to [read all scriptures](#)*

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Acts 17:16-34](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What kind of people do you find it easiest to be open toward? Who do you struggle to be open toward?
2. Review Paul's proclamation to the Athenians. What surprises you about his methods?
3. What does it mean that Paul found evidence of God in Athenian religious thinking? What does that say about God?
4. What do you think it took for Paul to remain open to the Athenians and their perspectives?
5. What does it take for you to be open to those people you're closed off too? How can you look for God in their lives and perspectives this week?