

ANYWHERE WILL DO, PT 2

1 - THE ACTS 2 ENVIRONMENT

A - **Acts 2:1-6** ¹ On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ **At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.** ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.^(NLT) _____

1 - How would you describe your understanding of the Bible, is it adequate for where you are in your life, and if not what do you plan to do about it? _____

Acts 2:14-16 ¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ **These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming.** Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel...^(NLT) _____

2 - As you think about the people in your circle of influence are there any assumptions that you have made about their knowledge of God or the Bible, if so what do you think those assumptions are and how can you determine if you are correct or not? _____

Acts 2:36-41 ³⁶ "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"

³⁷ **Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"**

³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." ⁴⁰ **Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"**

⁴¹ **Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.**^(NLT) _____

2 - THE ACTS 17 ENVIRONMENT

A - **Acts 17:16-26** ¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. ¹⁷ He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.

¹⁸ He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbling trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods."

¹⁹ Then they took him to the high council of the city. "Come and tell us about this new teaching," they said. ²⁰ "You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it's all about." ²¹ (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.)

²² So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "**Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way,** ²³ for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

²⁴ "**He is the God who made the world and everything in it.** Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, ²⁵ and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. ²⁶ **From one man he created all the nations** throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries."^(NLT)

3 - As simply as possible, try to describe the difference between the Acts 2 & 17 environments: _____

4 - Why do you think it is so important for us to understand the people we are talking to, their life, their challenges, their hurts, etc? _____

Additional notes: _____
