

Going deeper

Psalm 106 is written in the context of exile (vs. 47) reflecting on the long history of Israel turning away from God to serve idols. It is basically a Psalm of confession (vs. 6) and an appeal for salvation (vs. 4,5,47).

Read Psalm 106

6. What deeds of God are we told about that show us that God 'is good, his love endures forever' (vs. 2)?

7. How did Israel's idolatry damage their relationship with God?

8. How did God respond to their idolatry?

9. How did their idolatry corrupt the Israelites?

10. What does the Psalmist want us to learn from this summary of Israel's history?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 25th November 2018**

Growth Team News

This week is the last in our series on Acts 16-17: seeing how God's plans work out on the mission field. We read about Paul's visit to Athens, the intellectual hot house of the Roman Empire, yet also a city full of idols.

Next week we take a look at the international church in heaven!

**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



God's Plan for all People

Acts 17:1-15 (page 1113)

Space to take notes on the talk

Starter question

- ❖ What are the latest ideas that people enjoy talking about these days?

Responding to the talk

1. What new ideas did you learn from this week's talk?
2. Read Acts 17:16-21
 - a. How did Paul feel about the idols in Athens? (cf. Dt. 9:18-22; Ps. 106:28-29)
 - b. What did Paul do about it?
 - c. What was the philosophers' initial reaction to discussions with Paul?
3. Read Acts 17:22-25
 - a. Why do you think there was an altar to 'an unknown God', in Athens?
 - b. How does Paul use this as a starting point to his talk?
 - c. How does Paul's description of God differ to a pagan view?
4. Read Acts 17:25-28
 - a. What does Paul say about human origins? (cf. Gen. 1:27)
 - b. Do we serve God or does he serve us? (cf. vs. 25; Rom. 1:9)
 - c. What does Paul say God has made humans to do?
 - d. Why does Paul quote Greek philosophers rather than the Old Testament here?
5. Read Acts 17:29-34
 - a. What does Paul say has now changed?
 - b. What is Paul's warning and what evidence does he give?
 - c. How well did people respond to Paul's talk?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

11. What ideas or worldviews do people serve today? Why should we be distressed by this? (cf. 17:16)
12. Paul quotes positively from Greek philosophers and challenges their ideas with Biblical concepts. What might we learn from this about how to talk to people about Christ today?