

Responding to the Bio-Diversity Crisis

A talk & discussion with Prof John Spicer. What is the problem? What can we do about it? Sat 21st Mar 9.30am -13.00 @ Falmouth Methodist. Admission free (donations welcome) book on ctcinfohub.org/biodiversity-crisis

OASIS Groups this Friday 20th March. **Club Night** See Amy or Claudia for more info

Food for Thought This Thurs 19th March. Guest Speaker is Kate Bird. Starts at 2.30pm.

Pray on a Mon morning 9 -9.30am in the church. You are most welcome to join them or pass on prayer requests to Angie Godfrey or Jeff Mount

Men's Prayer Group meeting for men every Tuesday morning at 7am for 45 minutes in the prayer room.

Flowers Volunteers Needed If you think you would like to be part of our flower team please speak to Stephanie, Doreen, Jayne, Rachael or Jean. Men are most welcome too!

- Foodbank**
Generally needed
- Deodorant
 - Wash Up Liquid
 - Toilet Rolls
 - Dry Dog Food
 - Wet Dog Food
 - Coffee
 - Meat Soups
 - Tin Corned Beef
 - Tinned Ham
 - Fruit Squash
 - Tinned Potatoes
 - Tin Tomatoes
 - Pasta Sauces
 - Tinned Carrots
 - Long Life Milk
 - Soap

Sunday 15th March 2020

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself.

Following the service we are continuing our Living Stones weekend. Please stay and join us for a meal, fellowship, workshops, prayer tea and closing worship time.

11am Children and youth groups leave

Nippers: Pre-school 2+

Buzz: Reception, school years 1-6

Salt: School years 7-13

Next Week

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?

Email housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

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Main Door Amy Growcott-Smith
Inner Door Dot Jones & Michael Miners
Easy Worship Sue Misselbrook
Teas & Coffees Karen Campbell & Gillian Pringle/
Gordon & Doreen Fraser

Sermon Outline Notes: Acts 17 'A little adaptability'

1) Introduction

Everybody who knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is honour bound to tell others about him. But what we need in that process of telling others is a 'little adaptability'. We often use the imagery of fishing when we talk about evangelism, but fishing is a skilled business. A fisherman will constantly be adapting his technique to changes circumstances in the water.

2) Paul in Thessalonica Acts 17:2-4

- Paul is addressing Jews and God fearers in the synagogue.
- Paul reasoned with them- dialogue
- Paul explained—a teacher/pupil relationship to make the message clear
- Paul proved—substantiating what he said. Paul was not inviting people to take a leap in the dark.
- Paul persuaded
- Paul and his hearers had something in common: the Old Testament and a belief in Messiah to come

3) Paul in Athens—Acts 17:16-34

- A city full of idols and Paul felt deeply distressed. Our motivation for mission is firstly that of obedience; secondly it is that of compassion for others; thirdly it is a zeal/jealousy for the glory of Jesus Christ.
- Epicureans - They believed everything happened by chance
They believed death was the end
They believed the gods were remote from the world
They believed that pleasure (the avoidance of pain and suffering) was the chief end of man
- Stoics - They believed that God was in everything
They believed that everything that happened was the will of God and therefore must be accepted without resentment.
They believed that the world would eventually disintegrate in a fiery conflagration
- Paul proclaims God as creator; God as sustainer; God as ruler of all the nations; God as the father of the nations; God as the father of

mankind; God as judge over all the world.

- To the Epicureans Paul states the certainty of the judgement and makes a call to repentance. To the Stoics Paul refers to the caring activity of a personal creator.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share reactions to the sermon. What particular points spoke to you? Why?
- 2) Do we need to feel more deeply a distress that Jesus is not honoured in our culture, and that other things (idols?) replace Jesus in people lives?
- 3) Are you able to reason, explain as Paul did? If not, why not?

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