

God Talk 1: The Quest to Connect

Acts 17 verses 22 to 27

Our message this week looked at the universal drive to connect with something out there - with God. We saw that archaeologists have seen this pursuit of god from the very first humans. The earliest humans believed six things:

1. Spiritually speaking, there is a higher power, or powers.
2. Life exists after death.
3. All living creatures have a spirit.
4. Your actions in this life help determine your passage in the next.
5. Prayer powerfully makes that connection.
6. Some people - shamans, witchdoctors - are more adept at making this connection.

We asked: 'Why did they think there was more out there?'

What's your response?

Read **Acts 17, verses 22 to 27** again, and **note verse 27**. Then discuss the following:

What does it mean to meet God, hear his voice, be able to perceive him?

The message also divided religious attempts to connect with God into six main methods:

Legalism.

Ritualism.

Mysticism/magic.

Intellectualism.

Nationalism/Community.

Idealism.

Do you see any of these in your background? 'I pursue God within THAT context.'

Our message ended by saying that none of our different ways of connecting are wrong. But they are only starting points.

In what ways can we push past our starting points to a better relationship with God?