

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

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**TITLE:** MAKING KNOWN THE UNKNOWN GOD [IPAALAM ANG HINDI PA ALAM]

**TEXT:** Acts 17:16-34

**BIG IDEA:** Paul teaches us how to engage and make Jesus Christ known in this modern world. **Tinuturuan tayo ni Pablo ng paraan kung paano natin makukuha ang atensyon ng tao upang maipahayag sa kanila si Kristo.**

### INTRO:

- How do we engage a religious, skeptical, and secular society? **Paano natin makukuha ang atensyon ng mga relihiyoso, mapagduda at sekular na mga tao?**
- We are going to learn three principles based on how Paul responded to the modern, pagan world. **Matututo tayo ng 3 prinsipyo base sa mga ginawa ni Pablo.**
- We will learn what to do *before*, *during*, and *after* the conversation. **Tingnan natin kung ano ang dapat gawin bago, habang at pagkatapos ng pag-uusap natin.**

### BODY:

Paul was **greatly distressed** to see that the city was full of idols.

- Paul was extremely burdened as he knew that carved, man-made stone images paled in comparison to the true God. **Mabigat ang loob ni Pablo na makita ang pagsamba ng mga tao sa diyos diyosan dahil alam nya na ang mga ito ay hindi pwedeng ihambing sa tunay na Diyos.**
- But the second reason for Paul's distress is that he was certain of the outcome awaiting those who worship idols. [John 3:18] **Alam nya na ang pagsambang ito ay magdudulot ng kapahamakan sa kanila.**
- Those who do not know or believe in God stand condemned and are hell-bound! **Ang mga hindi nakakakilala at nananalig sa Diyos ay pupunta sa impyerno.**
- So how can we shine in this dark world? How do we engage the secular world?

### I. BE PREPARED [Maging Handa] [vv.22-23]

- Before we even attempt to engage people in conversation, we need to prepare our hearts. **Bago makipag-usap, ihanda muna ang puso mo.**
- We have to realize the outcome that awaits those people who do not know God including our family and friends – eternal death. **Tandaan na walang hanggang kamatayan ang naghihintay sa mga tao na hindi kilala ang Diyos.**
- So how should you prepare your heart? Seek God and pray that the Holy Spirit gives you compassion for others so that you can set aside your busyness and share the Gospel with them. Paano ihahanda ang puso? **Saliksikin ang Diyos at manalangin sa Banal na Spiritu na mabigyan ka ng habag para sa ibang tao.**
- Apart from preparing our hearts, we need to also understand these people.

- Who is living in our city? What types of people are we up against? **Kailangan ding unawain at maintindihan ang ibat ibang klase ng tao.**
- One thing to learn from Paul is that he took the time to walk around the city before engaging in conversation. This prepared him to create a message tailored to people who love idols. **Si Pablo ay naglakad sa lungsod at nagmasid bago nakipagusap sa mga tao. Nakagawa sya ng mensahe na akma para sa kanila.**
- The challenge to you: take the time to look at and talk to the people around you. Know more about your audience so you can tailor your message to fit what they need and point it all to God later on. **Ang hamon sa atin at ang maglaan ng panahon para magmasid at makipag usap sa mga tao sa ating paligid. Kilalanin sila at iakma ang mensahe ayon sa kanilang pangangailangan.**
- **DISCUSSION:**
  - What kind of preparation do you do when you are seeking approval from a special person? **Ikaw, paano ka naghahanda para makuha ang loob ng isang tao?**
  - What kind of spiritual preparation do you do before engaging someone with the Gospel? **Ano ang iyong spiritual na paghahanda?**

## II. BE PERSUASIVE [Maging Mapanghimok] [v.17,23-24, 30-31]

- Do a dialogue, not a debate. In this world, you'll come across different people, with different philosophies, attitudes, and priorities. Debating people won't get you anywhere and so we need to prepare how to dialogue **by having the right mindset and attitude.** **Makipag-usap, huwag makipagtalo. Ang pakikipagtalo ay hindi makakatulong kaya magkaroon ng tamang pananaw.**
- As Christians, you must reason or converse with the intent of enlightening them about the truth of God's Word and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not try to force your beliefs on others or start a religious debate. **Bilang Kristyano, ang iyong pakay ay ang maunawaan nila ang katotohanan ng salita ng Diyos. Huwag ipagpilitan ang iyong paniniwala sa kanila, huwag makipagtalo.**
- The love of Christ that resides in a genuine Christian will effortlessly seek out the lost so they can share that love to them. "People won't care how much you know until they know how much you care." **Ang tinitingnan nila ay ang ating pagmamahal at hindi ang ating nalalaman.**
- When he presented the message, Paul talked to the Jews first then the Gentiles. He would present a different message to them as he would have in the Aeropagus. **Si Pablo ay nakipag-usap muna sa mga Hudyo bago sa mga Gentil. Magkaibang mensahe ang kanyang ibinahagi.**
- What he does with the Gentiles is he draws them in with their need. [v.24, 30-31] Paul proclaimed differently with the Gentiles because he knows he can't present the Gospel once and expect them to be saved. **Nagbigay tuon sya sa pangangailangan ng mga Gentil para makuha ang kanilang atensyon.**

- Again, before the conversation, we must prepare ourselves; during the conversation, we must persuade them through understanding and conversing.  
Muli, tandaan na kailangang maghanda bago ang pag-uusap, manghimok habang nag-uusap.
- DISCUSSION:
  - Share your insights on how we can be persuasive in sharing the Gospel.  
Ibahagi ang iyong alam patungkol sa panghihimok.

### III. BE PERSISTENT [Maging Matiyaga]. [vv.33-34]

- We must persist because not everyone will come to a salvation through one message. They will not come if we only share the Gospel once. They will not come if we only love them once. Kailangang magtiyaga sapagkat hindi lahat ay madaling mahikayat sa isang pagbabahagi lamang.
- Just keep talking to them and God will provide the opportunities. There is a great opportunity coming up to persist and share the Gospel with people, resulting in them accepting Christ. Ipagpatuloy lamang ang pakikipag-usap at ang Diyos ang magbibigay ng pagkakataon para maibahagi natin Siya sa kanila.
- DISCUSSION:
  - Who among your loved ones or friends took a long time before being won to Christ? Share how you persisted and eventually won the person over.  
Sino sa inyong mga mahal sa buhay ang pinakamatagal na patanggapin kay Kristo?

### CHALLENGE

- “Prepare, persuade and persist in proclaiming the Gospel for this is the mission we are called to do.”- RC
- Identify the person/ persons in your EOWO21 List. Write how you will prepare before conversation, how are you going to persuade him during conversation and finally, how long are you willing to persist even after conversation in your pursuit of his conversion?  
Pumili ng tao sa iyong EOWO21. Isulat kung paano ka maghahanda sa pagbabahagi sa kanya, at kung paano mo sya hihimukin, at kung hanggang kailan mo ito gagawin hanggang sa siya ay magsuko na ng buhay kay Kristo.