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We Love the City

Can The Holy Spirit Change Our City?

Acts 17:1-9

1. The Holy Spirit works through COMMON SENSE strategies.

- Go to city – it's where the most people are
- Go to where the most receptive people are

Palm Beach County:

- Population in 1910 - 5,000
- Population in 2010 - 1.3 Million
- Fastest growing areas: Jupiter/Palm Beach Gardens; Wellington/Royal Palm
- Fastest growing demographic group: Hispanics (19%)
- Interesting fact: Over 25% of Palm Beach County households speak a language other than English at home

2. The Holy Spirit works through the SCRIPTURES. (v.2 and 11)

- Paul had only the Old Testament. But the Old Testament points us to Jesus. (Psalm 22:1,7, 14-18; Isaiah 53:3-6; Isaiah 25:8)
- The Scriptures are powerful:
 - Psalm 119:105 - God's Word is like a lamp and a light.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - The Bible is "God-breathed" and it is useful.
 - Hebrews 4:12 - The Bible is like a sharp sword; it opens me up!
 - James 1:22-25 - The Bible is like a mirror; it shows me how I really am!
 - We should all be like the Bereans; searching the Scriptures for answers. (v. 11)

3. The Holy Spirit works through a clear presentation of the GOSPEL. (v.3)

- The gospel is about Christ.
- The gospel has to be clearly and repeatedly explained.
- Some will believe; some won't.

4. When the Holy Spirit is working, the DEVIL is working. (v.5 and 13)

5. The Holy Spirit can turn the city UPSIDE DOWN. (v.6-7)