

Sermon Outline

THINKING THEOLOGICALLY ABOUT SPORT | Nick O’Neil

Bible Reading: Acts 17:16-34

The Aussies Live for Sport

God’s Plan for Everything (Including Sport)

- Acts 17 is helpful because...
- Paul’s Three Points:
 - God made everything (24-28)
 - Therefore idolatry is not good (29)
 - God wants everyone to turn from idols to...

“They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.” (1 Th. 1:9–10)

Book Recommendation: Andrew Cameron (2011) *Joined-Up Life: A Christian Account Of How Ethics Works*. Nottingham: IVP Academic

Big Idea 1: “We Move in God” – So Be Thankful

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. (1 Cor. 9:24)

They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, (1 Tim. 4:3–4)

Implications:

- Freedom
- Thankfulness
- Grateful Conversations

Big Idea 2: Sport is Not God

- When Sport is Not Good

- Because Sport Becomes God

Implications:

- A space to see the world and ourselves clearly
- Don’t be naive about idolatry

Big Idea 3: Jesus and Sport

- Repentance
- Why is Jesus Worth Living For?
 - Life
 - Rescue
 - A New Way to Play the Game