

# Jesus in Athens

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This Sunday, our church is focusing our attention on global missions as we welcome Darren Carlson.

Darren is the founder of [Training Leaders International](#), an organization dedicated to equipping pastors and strengthening churches all over the world. As a point of connection, one of our members, Bruce Forsee, is teaching overseas with TLI this week.

Please remember Bruce in prayer. And, as he is away, come hear from his boss.

On Sunday morning, Darren will bring us a word from Ruth during our worship services. During Sunday School, he will share more about the work God is doing overseas. And in the evening, at 6:00pm, he will introduce us to the documentary, *Jesus in Athens*. We will watch this powerful documentary together on Sunday evening.

In preparation for Sunday, take time to read this article about [Jesus in Athens](#). Here's the opening from Darren,

*In 2011 I went to Athens, Greece, with the intention of teaching migrant church leaders the Bible. I had no idea what God was about to do in my heart.*

*We're living in an age of migration. Never before have so many people been on the move. In 2015, more than 1 million migrants entered Europe, almost all of them through Greece. I watched the news while it happened, and I heard the commentary: Muslims were invading Europe. The immigrants were dangerous. Countries were being overrun. Sharia law was coming to France.*

*I was in Athens in 2011 when a migrant killed a Greek woman in labor. Greeks went on strike and protested. Roaming groups of Greek men attacked migrants with no fear that the police would intervene.*

*But as that happened, I was in a room with 40 Greek, African, and Asian pastors who spent the weekend praying for one another. God was writing another story, one that did not show up on the evening news.*

You can read the rest of the article [here](#). Please pray for this weekend, invite friends, and join us morning and evening to learn more about God's work in the world and how we can participate with him.

For His Glory and your joy,

Pastor David