

Life Together Group Questions
November 29, 2015
Acts 17:16-34

1. When you see others worshiping false gods, or God in a false way, how do you react? (vs. 16)
2. Does it spur you to interaction? If so, what does that look like? (vvs. 17-22)
3. Why do you think Paul went about things the way he did in seeking to share the gospel?
4. The Epicureans had a very pragmatic way of viewing life: about being happy, God not so interested in human affairs. How would you address them? (vs. 18)
5. The Stoics had a high sense of duty for doing what is right, controlling passion, living simply, with wisdom and dignity, accepting God's will, seeing nature as part of God. How would you address them?
6. Read Paul's sermon in vss. 22-31. What connection did Paul seek to bring to the Athenians about who God is? What attributes of God did he bring to light? How did Paul go about making this connection?
7. Paul makes a comment about idols in vs. 29. What is the problem with idolatry? (See Ex. 20:4; Ps. 115:4-8; Jonah 2:8-9; Rom. 1:18-25)
8. Are there ways in which we worship The Lord in an idolatrous manner? If so, how?
9. How is this message different to what he told those in Lystra in Acts 14:14-18?
10. What principles can we learn from how he went about addressing the Athenians? (1 Cor. 9:22)
11. What are ways we can help bridge the gap for people who don't know much about the Bible or Jesus?
12. The response to the gospel in Athens did not seem as great as it was in Thessalonica and Berea. What would you attribute that to? Was there a problem with the message, messenger, or the audience? (Matt. 11:25; 18:3; 1 Cor. 1:18-31)
13. Why did Luke list Dionysius and Damaris? (vs. 34)
14. If you were Paul is there something you would have done differently?
15. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
16. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
17. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
18. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- Holy Provocation (vs.16)
- Intentional Interaction (vss.17-21)
- Thoughtful Presentation (vss.22-31)
- Mixed Reaction (vss.32-34)