

The Heart of the Matter

12. What are you seeing around you that provokes your heart? What specific needs do you see? What do you believe God is calling you to do about it?

13. Who do you know who hasn't responded to the gospel? Do you believe you could share the gospel with them?

14. Paul was very culturally relevant in how he shared the gospel with the people of Athens. How could you be more culturally relevant in how you share the gospel with others?

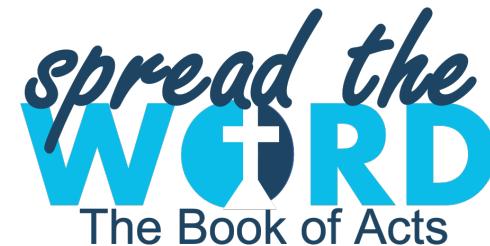
15. What could you use as a point of contact with people today in your efforts to share the gospel?

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Life Group Study Guide

Sharing the Love of Christ Acts 17:16-34 For the Week of June 23, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What is the most impressive statue that you have ever seen? Describe it for everyone.

3. In ancient Greece people worshipped all kinds of idols. What do people worship today in our culture?

Digging Deeper

4. It doesn't appear that Paul's trip to Athens was part of his overall ministry plan. As he waited for Silas and Timothy to join him what did he notice about the city? Why would his experience in this city be so troubling to him? V16

5. As Paul entered the Jewish synagogue and the marketplace of Athens, what were some of the beliefs and philosophies of the day that Paul encountered? What did these particular groups believe? V17-18

6. According to verses 19-21, how are the Athenians of Paul's day like the people we encounter in our time?

7. How does Paul use the Athenian culture and their pagan religious worship to point out the one true living God?
V22-23

8. From verses 24 through 31 how would you outline Paul's message? What does Paul emphasize about God?

9. How would you describe Paul's "call" to the Athenians in verses 30-31?

10. From verses 32-34 how would you describe the various reactions Paul received from his message? How might people react today to Paul's message?

11. Why were some of these wise men of Athens so blind to the true wisdom of God? (1 Corinthians 1:20-31; 2:14-16)