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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Proclaiming Jesus in a World of Counterfeit Gods

October 2, 2016

Text: Acts 17.16-34

1. What we know and learn about Athens, the context that God now has Paul in (17.16)? How did Paul respond to what he observed in the city? What is Paul's heart toward God, idolatry and people? How is Paul's heart like Jesus? Do we have a compassionate heart like Paul?
2. Where did Paul minister and to whom in Athens (17.17-22)? What went on in the market place? What did the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers believe in (17.18)? What does babblers mean and why did they call Paul that (17.18)?
3. What is the Areopagus? What was strange to their ears (17.20)? What did the people in Athens spend their time doing (17.21)? Who is the UNKNOWN GOD that the people in Athens were worshiping according to Paul (17.23)?
4. What was Paul's message about (17.24-31)? What does he reveal about God? What did the Athens need to repent from? Who did they need to believe in and what does Paul specifically share about Jesus (17.31)?
5. How do the people respond (17.32-34)?
6. People in your sphere of influence may believe in other gods or some other false teaching. As you think about Paul's witness to the Athens, who is your one that you have identified as one you will pray for, invest the gospel into and invite to come and believe in Jesus? Let Paul encourages us with his boldness.

Pray.