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How did that pan out?

Who did he go to after that?

Notice how he keeps moving. How does he prepare to reach this diverse culture with the Gospel?

How did he address them?

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Discuss the significance of each.

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