

w/b 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

THEME: PAUL IN ATHENS - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: ACTS 17 16-34

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

What happened to Paul when he saw the culture around him in Athens? How did he respond? When have you experienced a similar feeling?

When is it right to be angry? How can you tell if your anger is righteous anger?

What made the speakers want to hear more from Paul? How does taking a contrite, courageous, and compassionate stand make people curious about what we have to say?

Was Paul afraid of sounding strange to the people of Athens? What about the gospel message is strange to unbelievers?

What titles of God do we see in Paul's message at the Areopagus?

How did Paul use the culture around him to make a bridge into the gospel message? What are some bridges in your culture to the gospel?

Trace the five essential threads of the gospel in Paul's sermon. What are they and where do you see each thread?

Which part of the gospel do you have the most difficulty talking about or explaining? How could you better prepare yourself to proclaim this part of God's message?

What variety of responses do you notice in these verses?

Read Romans 1:16. What unique power does the gospel message have? Why should we continue to share the gospel every chance we get?

How do we begin to, like Paul, to view all cultural issues through the lens of zeal for the glory of God?

APPLICATION

How are you hoping to respond to the 'one neighbour' challenge that Dave set on Sunday? What practical steps could you take to spend more time with your neighbour?

Pray for God to make you zealous for His glory and passionate for people's salvation.

Ask for God to give you eyes to see your culture with His eyes.

Pray for a bold and courageous spirit to speak the gospel to any who will listen.

*Questions sourced from coffeehouse 5 church 'creating a counter culture' study*