



*Week 4: Sent to Athens | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Discussion Questions for 10.30.2022*

Ice Breaker

Where is a place you've always wanted to visit and why?

Read

Acts 17:16-34

Main Points

1. God is the Creator, Sustainer, Source, Knowable, Savior, and Judge.
2. Jerusalem was the place of religion, faith, Judaism. Athens had a lot of idols and religions, but it was the center of philosophy, intellect, and pluralistic faiths.
3. What it means to be sent to *Athens*:
 - a. See and feel what Jesus sees and feels
 - b. Dialogue, not argue
 - c. Value common starting places
 - d. Share the grand story of God
 - e. Contextualize the uncompromising message
 - f. Expect ridicule, curiosity, or belief

Group Discussion

- Of the ways Paul describes God in his message at Areopagus, which one have you resonated with the most in your relationship with God?
- In your daily life, are you surrounded more by people of religion and faith or more philosophy, intellect, and pluralism?
- How might your approach to conversations be different when you're talking with someone from a culture more like 1st century Athens than 1st century Jerusalem?

Bottom Line

As sent people, learning the cultural framework of where people are can help us in our relationships with them.

Weekly Application

Use one question this week in at least one conversation. Choose from:

1. What does your tradition say about Jesus?
2. Do you consider yourself on a spiritual journey? What is that like? Where are you on that journey?
3. I enjoy praying for people. Do you have any prayer requests I could pray for?
4. Can I tell you something I just learned in the Bible that's changing how I handle _____?