# **God's Kingdom On-mission:**

## **Every Day in Every Way**

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Acts 17:16-34

## **Lessons from Athens**

Our Commitment

- 1. We must be deeply troubled by the idolatry around us. v.16
- 2. We must proclaim the Gospel <u>inside</u> the church & <u>outside</u> the church. vv.17-18
- 3. We must be prepared for God to <u>open minds</u>. vv.19-21 (22-31)

### Our Content

- A. Everyone is an expert in worship. vv.22-23
- B. The Lord is the <u>Creator</u> of all things, so He is <u>greater</u> than all things. vv.24-25a
- C. People are part of the <u>Lord's plan</u>, not the other way around. vv.25b-29
- -He gives us life. v.25
- -He gives us breath. v.25
- -He gives us sustenance. v.25
- -He gives us each other. v.26a
- -He gives us historical context. v.26b
- -He gives us purpose. vv.27-29
- -He gives us instructions: repent & believe. vv.30-31a
- -He has given us <u>proof</u>: Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead. v.31b
- 4. We must be prepared for many people to <u>reject</u> the Good New of Jesus, v.32a
- 5. We must be prepared for some people to <u>accept</u> the Good New of Jesus, vv.32b-34

#### So what?

As a member of Christ's Kingdom, <u>I must be prepared to give</u> an answer for the hope that lives in me.