

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is it foolish to trust in idols or false gods?
- How can we know God is real?
- What are some things we might trust in besides God?



Paul Preached in Europe

Acts 17:16-34

MAIN POINT: PAUL TAUGHT THE PEOPLE IN ATHENS THAT THE ONE TRUE GOD SENT JESUS TO BE THE SAVIOR.

Paul had been traveling from place to place, sharing the gospel. When Paul got to Athens, he was upset by what he saw. The people there worshiped many idols. Paul told them the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

Paul said, "Men of Athens, I saw in your city an altar that said: 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' You worship a god that you do not know. This is the God I want to tell you about."

So Paul told the people about the one true God. He explained that God is not like the idols in Athens. He is not made of gold, silver, or stone. God does not need anything, and He is not far away. Paul also said that God wants everyone in the world to repent, to turn away from their sin and turn to Him.

Paul said, "One day, God is going to judge the world in a way that is right. He has chosen Jesus to do this, and He proved this by raising Jesus from the dead!"

When the people heard about Jesus being raised from the dead, some of them laughed. But some of them wanted to hear more later. So Paul went away from their meeting. However, some people joined Paul, and they believed in Jesus.

Christ Connection: The men of Athens worshiped a false god whom they did not know. Paul explained to the men God's plan of salvation. He said that God is not like the Greek idols. Only God deserves our worship! Paul talked about Jesus and the resurrection. All people can know God because Jesus took the punishment for sin that separates people from God.

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