

## Small Group Questions | May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Serving a Movement: Movement and Its Message (Part 2) (Acts 17:16-34)

**Sermon Recap:** Hunter spoke on Paul in Athens saying that the message of God's movement should move us to mission. Luke highlights three important lessons on evangelism as Paul discourses with the Greeks: (1) we must recognize our context, (2) remember our content, and (3) realize His control. Ultimately, we are just pointing people to a message, but to a relationship with a man, Jesus.

**Hook:** *These questions can help introduce the topic.*

1. What is the cultural context of your daily life? What dominant ideologies and world views do you encounter outside of your home?
2. Recalling a time when you were on mission to accomplish a goal, how did you handle barriers? What was the outcome?

**Look:** *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

3. Why was Paul's spirit provoked in Athens? What did the Spirit lead him to do?
4. Paul, understanding the context of his audience, used what kind of quotations from what types of material? What might this communicate to the Greek listeners?
5. What were the various ways people responded to Paul's message? What might have been the purpose in Luke mentioning, by name, the man and woman who converted?

**Took:** *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. How do you recognize the purpose in the place where you've been planted?
7. Does my life tell of the resurrection? (Do I speak of it? Is there proof of it in my life? Have I experienced resurrection spiritually in my life?) If not, where could it?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 9:22-23. How does Paul illustrate this approach to evangelism in Acts 17 and otherwise? How can you put it to practice in your own life?

**Prayer/Verse:** "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." – 1 Corinthians 15:58