

Let Me Introduce You  
“A Generation Who Needs Us”  
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Thread: **It's in our hands to introduce others to the God who loves them.**

<sup>11</sup> “Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. <sup>12</sup> As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men...

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbling trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” <sup>21</sup> (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you...

Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

**Acts 17:11-34 NIV**

**1. Paul was motivated by his love for God and others as he introduced them to Jesus.**

- The many shrines were built more from a fear of the gods' anger than a desire to know them.

**Application:**

- Jesus does not tolerate you; He is not motivated by a desire to make trouble for you.
- He does not want you out of His way; He invites you to join Him on His way. He says, “Follow me.”

- God is revealed to be a Father desperate to show His Love, the Son willing to prove His love and the Holy Spirit present revealing His love.
- What motivates you as you walk among the people of our city?

**Call to action:**

- Pray for the awakening of the hearts of this generation to Jesus.
- Pray you step into the opportunity that's coming to introduce someone to Jesus.

**2. This passage challenges what many say about the world we live in.**

- People are searching for TRUTH about spiritual things.
- These two cities are similar.
- These two cities are different.

**Myth:**

- People don't want to talk about God or their relationship to God.
  - Pew Research (2019) shows that 4% of Americans identify as an Atheist and another 5% identify as Agnostic (disinterested in God).

**Application:**

- Contrary to what we hear in the media, people are interested in talking about God with the right person.
- The #1 quality non-Christians and those NOT belonging to a church look for in a person to talk about faith with is “Listens without judgement.”
  - 62% of Americans are looking for this from the other person.
  - 34% actually know a person like this.

**3. Many gods were worshipped because the people could not fathom one God capable of it all.**

**Application:**

- Followers of Jesus are challenged to see God as greater!
- *Jesus said, “You will see greater things than this.” John 1:50 NLT*

**4. Many gods were worshipped and yet the people still hungered for something else.**

- *Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13–14 NIV*

**5. Paul came with “Grace and Truth” to whatever opportunity he was given.**

- *“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 ESV*

**Application:**

- Pray for 3 people in the next 30 days – “I’m praying that you will see God’s best for your life.”

**Challenge:**

- 3 for 30
- Pray for the awakening of the hearts of this generation to Jesus.
- Pray you step into the opportunity that’s coming to introduce someone to Jesus.
- We would love to hear about places or opportunities you were able to share your faith in Jesus—please send an email to [mystory@heightsconnect.com](mailto:mystory@heightsconnect.com) with the most unusual opportunity you have had.

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