



WORDUP WEDNESDAYS | SEPTEMBER 23rd
EVANGELISM EVERYWHERE | JOURNEY THROUGH ACTS 17

RECAP: When Paul reached Athens, the people there were already well-versed in many schools of thought. Athens was different because Paul found himself in a setting shaped by philosophy, religion, education, and competing ideas.

Tonight, Paul is still in Athens, but this time he moves from observing the culture to actually speaking into it.

LEADING QUESTION: Is it possible to have the right message but use the wrong method?

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LIMIT- ACTS 17:22-34

LITERATURE- HISTORY

LANGUAGE- GREEK

LOCATION- _____.

LEADS- PAUL; THE AREOPAGUS (They are educated, religious, curious, and accustomed to hearing new ideas.); **Dionysius, Damaris, and the Others Who Believed** (They become evidence that Paul's witness produced different responses. Not everyone responds the same way, but some hear and believe).

LINKS: GENESIS 1:1; GENESIS 1:27; MALACHI 2:10; JEREMIAH 23:23-24; JOHN 5:22-29; 1st CORINTHIANS 15:12-22

LESSON

Curious about what Paul was sharing, the Athenians brought him to this Council, which the text labels the Areopagus. This was likely one of the Athenian courts, but here he delivers one of his most interesting sermons. It's the sermon at _____.

LESSON 1: _____ - **vs.22-23:** Paul begins with what he observed in Athens, particularly the altar marked, "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD." This is his point of _____ before introducing _____.

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Effective evangelism is always about finding the point of connection with a person before we push our belief on them.

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LESSON 2: BUILD A BRIDGE WITHOUT DILUTING THE TRUTH- vs. 24- 29: Paul uses concepts and language familiar to his audience, but he gradually moves them toward a biblical understanding of God. He even quotes their poets, but his message still points to the truth about God. **There are four (4) points about the true God:**

- **God is _____:** Paul immediately separates the true God from the many gods of Athens.
- **God is omnipresent:** God does not live in temples made by human hands.
- **God is _____:** God does not need anything from us.
- **God is sovereign:**

LESSON 3: _____ - vs.30-34
Eventually Paul gets to _____, judgment, and _____, but he didn't start there.

- **Repentance means there has to be a _____.**
- **_____ means recognizing what God has done in Christ.** Paul moves them toward the reality that God has appointed a man through whom he will judge the world, and the proof of this is the resurrection.
- **_____ means the message carries _____.**

CLOSING REFLECTION QUESTION: Are we communicating the truth in a way people can hear, while still trusting God with how they choose to respond?