

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Acts 17:16-34

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE GOSPEL
2. THE GREATNESS OF GOD
3. THE OUTRAGEOUSNESS OF THE RESURRECTION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Paul knew the gospel was sufficient to stand up in the public sphere even when put up against some of the greatest intellectuals of the time. What are some of the big, life questions you hear people ask today that you aren't sure how to answer?
3. Paul used the Greek's altar to the "Unknown god" to show them that they actually knew the one true God existed even though they didn't acknowledge Him. What are some ways that our society seems to know about God but doesn't acknowledge Him?
4. Stoics basically thought the point of life was to be good and endure suffering. They are more traditional, conservative and religious. Epicureans basically thought the point of life was to be happy and pursue pleasure. They are more progressive, liberal and irreligious. Are you more of a stoic or an epicurean? What are some ways these two mindsets fall short?
5. Evelyn Underhill once said, "If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped." What do you think of this statement?
6. **APPLICATION:** Like Paul in Acts 17, one way we can honor people we disagree with is by taking the time to listen and ask questions until we are able to explain their point of view back to them accurately. This week, take some time to do this with a friend you disagree with on any given topic and then talk about what you learned from the experience with your group next week.
7. **PRAYER:** Paul was willing to bring the gospel to Athens because the resurrection filled him with hope that nothing is too much for Jesus. Take a minute to identify someone in your life who you want to come to know Jesus, talk about how you can point them to Jesus and then pray for them as a group.