

## **BELIEF IN THE AGE OF SKEPTICISM**

*Acts 17:16-34*

### **MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK**

1. EVERYONE HAS A BELIEF SYSTEM
2. CHRISTIANITY IS A BELIEF SYSTEM THAT CAN SATISFY OUR MINDS
3. CHRISTIANITY IS A BELIEF SYSTEM THAT CAN SATISFY OUR HEARTS

### **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. One of the main ideas this week was that, no matter who you are, "everyone has a belief system." We all have at least some deeply religious, completely unprovable beliefs. What are some beliefs you hold that aren't provable?
3. When Paul "reasoned" with the people of Athens he engaged in a dialogue with them. He was willing to enter into their worldview to both understand where they were coming from and to critique their worldview by its own standards. What are some specific ways you can apply this today? (Note: Think of specific people you know who view the world different from you and how you might be able to seek to understand them better.)
4. Paul pointed out the alter to the unknown God in Athens as proof that they already knew that their worldview wasn't sufficient. Pastor Ryan pointed out that one modern day example of this is how people who deny the existence of God still have a sense of moral responsibility. What are some other "alters to unknown gods" in our culture today?
5. What are some ways that Christianity has satisfied your mind? What are some ways that Christianity has satisfied your heart? Do you have any lingering questions about Christianity that you feel afraid of asking?
6. **PRAYER TIME:** Talk about who you can invite to come to church with you this week or who you can send the sermon links too. Pray for them by name as a group.

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Christianity is a belief system that does NOT ask you to check your intellect or your heart at the door.