

**1. Ministry to the unreached people of Macedonia**

- a) How did the Holy Spirit direct the Apostle Paul to leave Asia Minor and travel west across the Aegean Sea to an unreached people group in Macedonia? Acts 16:6-10
- b) What does this revelation tell us about God's care for unreached people groups?
- c) Once he arrived in Athens, what was Paul's assessment of the spiritual condition of the people? Acts 17:16
- d) What was Paul's two-fold strategy for reaching the unreached people of that great city? Acts 17:17

**2. Meeting the unreached where they are**

- a) What challenges did Paul face in the marketplace in Athens? Acts 17:18-21
- b) Why did Paul's move from the marketplace to the Areopagus? Acts 17:22a
- c) Where is the Areopagus in your community?
- d) Why did Paul focus on the altar to the unknown god rather than denounce all the altars to pagan gods? Acts 17:23
- e) Why is it important to find common ground when trying to reach the unreached?
- f) Think of other religions in your community: Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Nones—what point of contact might you find with those

who have a totally different worldview than yours?

**3. Sharing new truth with the unreached**

- a) Acts 17:24-27
- b) In a world where evolution is strongly promoted as the explanation for the origin of life, why is it still important to boldly proclaim the truth about a Creator God who made the heavens and the earth?
- c) What important truth about the Creator did Paul emphasize? (v.27 He is not far from us.)
- d) What are some ways God shows us He is not far from us? What has been your experience?
- e) Acts 17:28-31 Notice how Paul moves from what is familiar (their altar to the unknown god) to that which is unfamiliar. Why is it important to share truth even when it challenges our hearers?
- f) How did his hearers respond to this new truth? Acts 17:32-34
- g) In Corinth, Paul determined "not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). Did he make a mistake in Athens?
- h) What important lessons have you learned from this study about reaching the unreached?

