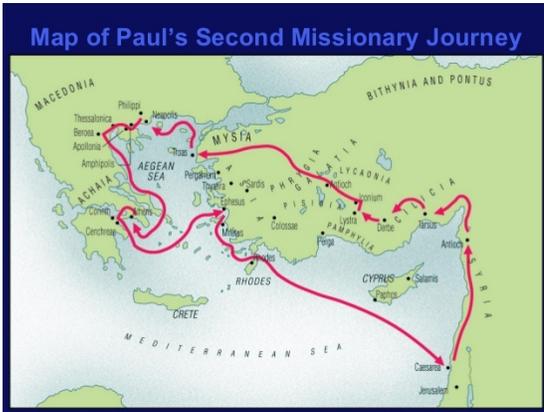


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## Acts 17:16-34

*Focus: on calling people to hope in the “greater than-ness” of God and to believe in and boldly speak of Him , as a result.*



Paul's Second Missionary Journey

### Discussion:

- Read 17:16-21. What do you make of Paul's response to the idolatry of Athens? How would you describe the idolatry of the Triangle? Does it affect you like Paul? What weakens our response?
- If Paul's open door came, in part, because he was actively representing and speaking of Jesus as well as praying for open doors (see Col. 4:3, 4), why don't more open doors come our way?
- Based on what you know of Athens, how would it compare to the worldview of our city?
- Read 17:22-34. What does Paul teach them about God first? Why does he do this before speaking of Jesus? How might this approach be relevant to us today?
- Make a list of all that Paul teaches about God in this section. How does this view of God encourage you to be bold in evangelism?
- Spend time praying for open doors (Col. 4:3, 4) for the gospel in the lives of your 1-1-1 friends!

This is a very insightful article by D.A. Carson on our passage:

<http://www.monergism.com/athens-revisited-exegetical-study-acts-17-da-carson>

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### 2014-2015 Acts Focus

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To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.

