

ACTS – Changed Lives Knowing the Unknown

Read/Reflect

- 1. Read Acts 17:16-34. What impresses you about the way Paul presents Christianity to the people of Athens?
- 2. Epicureans believe the best life focuses on enjoyment, because gods (if they exist) are indifferent to human existence. Stoics believe the best life focuses on a controlled and rational mind which will put you one with the divine order (nature). What in Paul's argument addresses these ideas.

Explore

- 3. What kinds of idols are scattered through our cities today? What kinds of idols litter our own lives?
- 4. What can we learn from Paul about how to share our faith with those who are 'spiritual but not religious'?
- 5. Have you ever witnessed God already at work amongst people who did not yet know God's name? What happened? And what did you learn from it?
- 6. What impact does it make when you 'meet people where they are'?
- 7. In what ways might we ourselves be more Epicurean or Stoic than Christian?

Pray

- Confess to God the kinds of things or ideas that get in the way of complete devotion and trust in Jesus as the Saviour and Master of your life.
- Pray that God would give you the wisdom to come along side of the people around you in ways that don't condemn, but in ways that can challenge people to the truth of the gospel.