

PREACHING CURRICULUM



A CASE STUDY IN APOLOGETICS ACTS 17:16-34

"...you can impress people from a distance, but you can only influence people from up close..."

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What 4 lessons do we learn from Paul in this passage about how proper apologetics is effectively carried out? _____

What is meant by word "overlooked" in vs.30? What is it saying about how Christ responds to those He loves? _____

How was Paul not rattled by his opponents but instead used their own words as a springboard to share the true Gospel of Christ? What advantage did this give him in his effectiveness in winning souls for Christ? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How are you preparing or shaping your conscience in order to bring the Word of God to bear upon the issues at hand in society today? What steps or disciplines do you make a priority on a daily bases? _____

Gen 3 is a good example of God's forbearance. How patient has God been in your own life? Can you think of a time when you deserved a punishment but instead received mercy? What did this look like? _____

How has God positioned you to speak into the lives of lost people? Does He need you to interact with non-believers more? (Explain) _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

As we read of Paul's efforts in Athens, how can we in today's cultural learn to observe our surroundings, explain the truth in places of worship, in our work places, and as we go along? How do we maintain a resolve not to be dissuaded by adversity, and to springboard conversations like tolerance and diversity for the sake of winning souls for Christ? _____

How can you stay rational when your being belittled or thought of as strange (vs.20)? Where is your source of truth coming from? How should we use good theology, ethics, and apologetics help when sharing the Gospel to those who may or may not want to hear what you have to say? _____

In verse 16 we read that Paul's spirit was provoked because of the sin he witnessed in the culture around him. How can you prepare yourself emotionally, spiritually to see the sin around you? How can you be more like Paul today? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

As you reflect on the lost souls you will encounter this week, how will you do your best to proclaim the excellencies of the glories of the one true God? _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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