

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 10/18/20
Acts 17:16-34 “Taking the Gospel to Athens”

I. Taking the gospel to Athens requires _____ (16-21).

- A. We must _____ the lost (16).
- B. We must _____ to where the lost are (17).
- C. We must be ready for further
_____ (18-21).

II. Taking the gospel to Athens requires _____ (22-34).

- A. _____ the soil (22-23).
- B. _____ the seed (24-28).
 - 1. Tell them who God _____ (24-25).
 - 2. Tell them what God _____ (26).
 - 3. Tell them what God _____ (27-28).
- C. _____ the weeds (29-31).
 - 1. People need to _____ (29-30).
 - 2. People need to know the truth about _____ (31).
- D. Praise God for the _____ (32-34).

Affirming the Bottom Line: How many _____ lead to heaven?

- 1. There is one _____.
- 2. There is one _____.
- 3. There is one _____.

Community Group Discussion:

- 1. This morning’s message was entitled, “*Taking the Gospel to Athens.*” Take time as a group to re-read the text, Acts 17:16-34. What stands out most to you from this passage? Perhaps something Paul did, or Paul encountered, or a question the account raises?
- 2. Why is it significant that the gospel went to Athens? What’s true of Athens? How is Athens different from Jerusalem, or even Philippi?
- 3. In verses 16-21 we see Paul making contact with lost people in Athens. How did he do it? What do we learn about evangelism by looking at Paul’s actions here?
- 4. In verses 22-34 we see Paul presenting the gospel in Athens. How did he do it? What are some practical lessons for us regarding how to present Christ to lost people in our pluralistic society?
- 5. The Lord works through the preaching of His Word to save sinners and transform them into His Son’s likeness. Think back at how He has done this in your own life. Are there particular conversations or sermons that He used? Take a couple of minutes to share these reflections with the person seated next to you. Then have several share with the entire group, all to the glory of the God who saves!
- 6. Spend time as a group giving thanks for the wonderful gospel God has privileged us to know. Also, spend time praying and asking the Lord to bless our efforts (and those of our sister churches) in making the gospel known in our community.