



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 10 July 2022 Acts 17

Please read Acts 17.1-34

- 1 What do you think motivated Paul to keep sharing the gospel, despite his tough experiences?
- 2 V16 says Paul was 'greatly distressed' at what he saw in Athens – the temples and idols. How do you relate to Paul's distress at what he saw in the city of Athens?
- 3 I shared a personal testimony about our trip to China, but ended by saying *"it's just as important to have our eyes and heart open to the world around us in Cheshire as in China."*
Spend some time as a group praying for the world around you, asking the Spirit to open your eyes and heart to see how God is present and at work in our society.
- 4 Paul had a mixed response from the Athenians, to say the least. They called him a 'babbling' (v18) with 'strange ideas' (v20) - some sneered at him (v32). How sensitive are you to what people say about you? How does this impact your willingness to share your faith?
- 5 Look closer at vv22-31. What do you learn from how Paul relates to the Athenian's beliefs and religion?
- 6 Paul pins the proof of Christianity on the resurrection of Jesus (vv29-31). Why is the resurrection so fundamental to what we believe? (Read also 1 Corinthians 15.1-2, 12-58)
- 7 What has impacted you most about Paul's faith in Jesus' resurrection as God's plan for all humanity?