A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: February 15, 2017 Acts 17:16-34

- 1. What was Paul doing in Athens, according to 17:14-16?
- 2. What did Paul do while he was waiting, according to verses 16-17?
 - a. He just sat around...don't you just hate waiting for people?
 - b. He noticed that the city was full of idols and was distressed.
 - c. He reasoned in the Synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks.
 - d. He reasoned in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

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- 3. What happened in verses 18-21?
 - a. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him.
 - b. They took him to a meeting of the Areopagus...
 - c. People ask him about the strange ideas he was teaching.
 - d. All of the above.
- 4. How did Paul share the Gospel with the people of the Areopagus, according to verses 22-28?
 - a. He said "You all are going to HELLLLL" with gravel in his voice!
 - b. He came in and told them how wrong everything they were doing was.
 - c. He expressed his distress about all of the idols and talked about how bad the world has gotten.
 - d. He called them "very religious" in every way (verse 22)
 - e. He pointed out that there were aspects of their own worship that they admitted not knowing fully (verse 23)
 - f. He started with the things they already knew and believed about the supernatural and proclaimed the Gospel from what they knew (verses 23-27)
 - g. He spoke about their own poetry and what they were familiar with and believed (verse 28).
 - h. He reasoned and used logic to show them that God cannot be made by human hands if we are his offspring, as their poetry declares (verse 29).
 - i. He expresses God's grace for their ignorance, but calls them to repentance (for the Kingdom of Heaven is near) (verse 30-31).
- 5. How do we share the Gospel with people who have never heard it?_____
- 6. Do we preach repentance? Yes____ No____ Explain._____