

Week 17:  
Acts 17:16-34

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## The Gospel's Provoked Response

**TODAY'S  
VERSES:**

**Acts 17:16-34**

**UPCOMING  
@ ELEMENT**

**Efamily Drive-Thru Ice  
Cream Sunday**  
12:30-2p in the Element  
Parking Lot!

**Prayer Zoom Call**  
6pm tonight. A time to  
pray with one of our  
Elders and others.

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### BIG IDEA:

**Because of His understanding of the Good News, Paul was motivated by the Holy Spirit to speak truth to the people of Athens. This provocation led him to have a heart for the intellectuals who were morally empty as well as for the common people who were worshiping created idols.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- In what ways do we live in a morally empty city/culture?
- Can you see places in your life where you've added to that emptiness?
- Why could hope evaporate in an environment where everyone loves to point out what is wrong and doesn't move to making it right?
- Based on the message, what does it mean that Paul was provoked as he saw a city full of idols?
- Have you been provoked (stirred up, sharpened) by the idols you see in your city/culture?
- How have you responded?
- Do you spend time dismissing or trying to understand the idols that our culture has set up and unknowingly worships?
- What are our cultures' current idols?
- What do you think our culture hopes to get out of our worship of these idols?
- Are you able to look past the idols others worship and love them with compassion, hoping to bring life and hope to them?
- Why is it imperative to know God's creative design to live in relationship with Him (in order to be properly "provoked")?
- How does this lead to love and compassion?
- What does it take to truly be hospitable?
- How can you encourage others to return to the way God created them to live – in relationship with Him?

