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Acts 17:16-18 <sup>16</sup> Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshippers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbling want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

- What do we know about Athens at this time?
- What is an Epicurean?
- What is a Stoic?
- What are the reactions of these two groups?
- Why is Paul uniquely qualified to discuss the Gospel with these groups?

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Acts 17:19-23 <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? <sup>20</sup> For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. <sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; <sup>23</sup> for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

- What does he mean that they are very religious?
- What does it mean to know God?
- When it comes to knowing God, what types of people are there?
- What is the Areopagus?
- Why have an altar to an unknown God?

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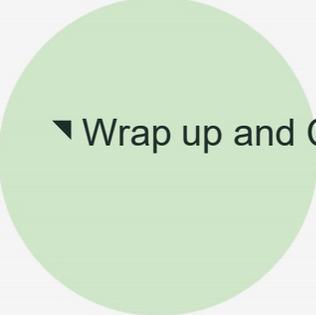
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◀ Wrap up and Closing Prayer

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