

## **The God You've Been Searching For**

Acts 17:16-34

### **Taking it Home:**

1. What distresses you spiritually about the area in which you live? What specific needs do you see? What do you feel God is calling you to do about it?
2. What false gods do you give your devotion to? What idols in your life need to go in order to fully live for Christ? Ask the Lord to help you break free of these things.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

### **We are all worshipers**

Worship: "To regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion." [Meriam-Webster Dictionary]

### **The worshipers Paul met [16-17]**

\_\_\_\_\_ : Believe in God; don't know what to do with Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Pursue pleasure; the gods are distant.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Pursue good deeds; the gods are all around them.

### **The God you've been searching for [19-29]**

\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ and wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ by you.

\_\_\_\_\_ over all and worthy of our \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ alone.

### **Because of the risen Christ**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is broken and you can be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Our hearts are restless until they find rest in You. [St. Augustine]*

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

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### **Getting Started:**

1. If your house were on fire, what one thing would you make sure to grab on your way out?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read Acts 17:16-34**

1. Paul was distressed about the idols that he found in Athens. What were they? What are some of the idols worshiped in our culture? In your own life? How would you compare your level of distress over what you see in the world and in yourself to what Paul felt? Why?
2. With what groups of people did Paul engage? How did he speak to each group? What posture did he take? What can we learn from Paul about interacting with those who are not Christians?
3. What did Paul teach about God when speaking to those at the Areopagus?
4. Why do you think Paul started with Creation before moving to the Resurrection and judgment? Do you think sharing the “big picture” is as important today as it was in Paul’s day?
5. Review the three points from the section, “Because of the risen Christ.” How have you experienced these in your own life? How might these be helpful when talking with others about Jesus?
6. Take some time as a group to pray, asking the Lord to help you engage our culture with grace and truth. Pray specifically for those in your sphere of influence who aren’t yet Christians, asking the Lord to give you opportunities to be used in their lives.