

# BE ABOUT THE PUBLIC SQUARE

October 11, 2020 Acts 17:16-34

## OPENING QUESTION

What or where is your public square?

## Choose to Courageously Engage Acts 17:16-31

- The Areopagus (Mars Hill) was a public square in Athens where people gathered to discuss new ideas.
  - There were 30,000 idols throughout Athens, and the Spirit moved Paul to share Jesus with the people.
  - Paul begins with things that are familiar to the people, then connects the “unknown God” to the one true God.
1. **What are the mindsets of the people around you, philosophically, culturally, and spiritually? How can you connect with them where they are?**

## Trust God with the Impact Acts 17:32-34

- Paul had a great impact on the people of Athens, and Dyonisius and Damaris could've had an impact on future generations of Athenians.
- We may never know how far our influence goes when we are courageous and trust God with the results.
- Be about God's Kingdom in the public square, because if you choose to engage, God will take care of the rest.

**Has there been a time when you saw the impact you had on others after choosing to engage them for God's Kingdom? How are you engaging people now for Christ?**

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## CLOSING QUESTIONS

### Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week's sermon and Scriptures?

### Obey

What or where is your public square? Is it your domain? How do you engage others in your public square? Is a Facebook post enough? Does Paul in Athens provide an example for you to follow?

### Pray

Choose one or two particular applications from this passage and pray that the Holy Spirit will help you reach out to those in your public square, even in these times of isolation. How can you pray for one another in this area this week?