

- **Be prepared to share** (in what practical ways can we prepare to share our hope?)
- **Be sensitive to the Spirit of God** (what does this look like? What practices do we need to put in place?)
- **Be faithful** (what does being faithful look like? What stops us from being faithful?)

Finish by praying:

Pray for each other that we would have a sensitivity to those around us who don't know Jesus . Maybe even a distress?

Pray for a wisdom and boldness to observe, listen and share.

Thank God for the hope we have in Christ.



Acts: Go

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 6

“Life in the Spirit”

21 November 2021

Acts 17: 16-34

Series Overview:

The Book of Acts is the second part of the writing from Luke (the first part was the Gospel of Luke). Acts is a dynamic book detailing the beginning of Christ's Church, as the good news of Jesus Christ spread from 120 ordinary people, to the worldwide movement we see today. In Matthew 28: 18-20, we read how Jesus commissioned His followers to “Go”, and in the book of Acts we see the outworking of that commission. As we spend a few weeks digesting the stories and truths from Acts, our desire and prayer is that we will discover afresh, the hope, passion and dynamic of a small group of people, transformed by the love of Christ and empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit to witness to God's great plan for all people.

Read Acts 17: 16-34

Why was Paul in Athens? Where did he come from? Why did he leave the previous city?

Why was Paul distressed on arriving in Athens? Do we get distressed in a similar way? How do we deal with this distress?

In what ways do you think our community and our generation is similar to what Paul experienced in Athens?

What did Paul notice as he wandered around Athens? (hint: v.23) Why was that important to Paul?

Why do you think that the Greeks had an altar to an “Unknown God”? In what ways do people of our generation build a similar altar?

What had God overlooked, but what does he now command – v.30? (Think: In what sense did God overlook ignorance?)

In today’s sermon we looked at our mandate from this passage:

- **Be certain of what you believe** (could you write down what you believe in 50 words?)

- **Be aware of what others believe** (think of a close friend who doesn’t know Jesus; what do they believe?)