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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Book of Acts: The Ripple Effect  
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth  
Acts 17:16-34, May 7th & 10th, 2026  
Revelation demands a response.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What's your favorite metropolitan area you have visited and why?

Read Aloud: Acts 17:16-34

1. What are some modern "idols" in our culture that people don't recognize as idols? Why do you think Paul was provoked rather than indifferent when he saw the idols in Athens?
2. What's the difference between a debate and a dialogue? Why does that matter for sharing faith? How did Paul model respectful engagement with people who disagreed with him?
3. Why does Paul start with God as Creator instead of jumping straight to Jesus? How does understanding God as Creator and Sustainer change the way we view our lives? Verse 27 says God is not far from us, why do people still feel distant from Him?
4. Why is repentance a necessary response to knowing God?