



**Bridge Church Home Groups Questions**  
Series: Unstoppable Part 3 – A Study in Acts  
Message: Found in Translation  
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Read Acts 17:16-34 & then use the following questions to kick-start your discussion:

1. In verse 16, Paul is waiting for his friends in Athens yet, rather than wasting time, his default mode is to engage as a missionary. Immediately Paul begins to share faith with the people around him. How do you feel about sharing your faith? What have your experiences been like?
2. Athens was a place filled with idolatry. One Roman historian estimated there were 3000 statues of gods in the city! While our city today may not be filled with visible statues of gods – what are some of the idols in our modern spiritual marketplace? How does that affect how we share our faith?
3. Verse 17 notes that Paul reasoned with the people of Athens. In verse 28 he even references familiar writings from some of their philosophers. Paul's ability to "speak the language" of the Athenians to build a bridge for the Gospel is called contextualization. Paul explains his method in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Read those verses together.
  - i. Why is contextualization critical for communicating faith with others?
  - ii. How does contextualization show love for people?
  - iii. What is an example of contextualization you have seen in your life?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:15 and reflect on it together.
  - a. How can believers be ready with an answer for our faith?
  - b. Why is it critical to share with "gentleness & respect"?
5. Spend time as a group praying for opportunity & boldness to share your faith. Consider praying for people you know who need an encounter with Jesus.