

PAUL'S LESSONS ON EVANGELISM
Acts 17:16-34

1. Look at people with spiritual eyes

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. (16)

2. Be physically present

Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. (17)

3. Accept people's insults and questions

Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. (18)

4. Start where people are

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you...

(22-23)

5. Expect to have mixed results

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." So Paul departed from among them. However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them. (32-34)