

## ACTS: WITNESSES TO KING AND KINGDOM

### How Paul shared God's love to those in Athens:

1. He treated his audience with respect, even though he had just been insulted.
2. He looked for and found a way to communicate that our hearts hunger for more than what we can see, taste and touch, and that there has to be something more than the idols that perpetually fail us.
3. In his season of observation, he found a way to reinforce the recognition within that culture that as humans we "don't know all that there is to know."
4. He boldly proclaimed that God is both Big and Close. Bigger than anything we could ever make with our own hand, and much closer than we could ever imagine. And we were created to be connected to this Big and Close God.
5. He boldly proclaimed that God is available to those who turn from (repent) their idolatry and ignorance.
6. He challenged their belief that history is a "loop recording" and boldly proclaimed that there will be a culmination to human history. It is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus and will be completed on a day of judgment in which evil will be extinguished and justice will prevail.

### NEXT WEEK [5.29.22]

Liturgy Texts: 1 Samuel 12:19-24 // Psalm 68:1-20 (Psalm 47)  
Revelation 22:10-21 // John 17:20-26

Sermon Text: Acts 18:1-17

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## SUNDAY GATHERING // 5.22.22

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- SeasideKids Reminder: During the 2nd gathering each week, we will host a Parent Play room where you can bring your kids [0-4 years old] to play at any time during the 2nd gathering.
- The summer flyer is out with everything you need to know about summer events at Seaside! Check it out @ [seasidechurch.com/summer](http://seasidechurch.com/summer).
- New to Seaside? We would love to have you join us for our Meet & Greet today after the service. We'll connect, share about Seaside, and answer any questions you may have.
- Registration for our All-Church Campout is open and we would love to have you join us. Find all the details @ [seasidechurch.com/campout](http://seasidechurch.com/campout).
- We are looking for more people to help serve on the teams for SeasideKids, Seaside Youth, and the Music team. If you're interested, email [info@seasidechurch.com](mailto:info@seasidechurch.com).

### COLLECT:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### READINGS:

Joel 2:21-27 // Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5 // John 14:21-29

## Acts 17:16-34

[16] Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. [17] So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. [18] Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. [19] And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? [20] For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." [21] Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

[22] So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. [23] For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. [24] The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, [25] nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. [26] And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, [27] that they should seek

God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, [28] for

""In him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
""For we are indeed his offspring.'"

[29] Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. [30] The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, [31] because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

[32] Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." [33] So Paul went out from their midst. [34] But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them. [ESV]