



*Public Faith: Engaging the City*

*Sermon Questions*

**Date:** *March 14, 2021* | **Scripture:** Acts 17:16-34

1. Read Acts 17:16-34. As you read, pay attention to verses 22-31. How does Paul present the gospel uniquely in this passage?
2. The passage states that Paul's spirit was provoked because he saw the city was full of idols. What are some idols that are prevalent in our city? Think broadly, and then in your own circles.
3. Paul experienced a mixture of both love and anger, both indignation and compassion. Reflect on your own disposition. Do you have a tendency to be filled more with indignation or compassion as you consider the idols of the culture?
4. Our faith should be "public." What does that mean to you?
5. How might you make your faith more public, more clear to those around you?
6. Look again at Paul's speech in Acts 17:22-31. He spoke with both grace and truth, beginning by identifying points of agreement in worldviews, before moving on to show how the Christian and pagan worldviews were in conflict. What might this look like today as you interact with people of different worldviews?

### ***Inward Grace in Action***

*The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.*

1. Think of one or two areas (family, friends, work, etc) where you can be more public in your faith.
2. Pray for one another that you can grow in courage and gentleness in these areas as you engage with others.

### ***WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK***

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect on these Scriptures:*

- [Psalm 104](#)
- [Acts 18](#)
- [Acts 19](#)
- [Acts 20](#)
- [Acts 21-22](#)
- [Psalm 105](#)

*Listen to the Unwavering worship playlist on Spotify.*

*Reach out if you need assistance during this time:*

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

You can also find additional resources on our website: [capitalpres.org](http://capitalpres.org).