

First Things First

Committed to Sharing Hope

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Core Value: *Creativity in our pursuit to share hope with a hurting world*

Big Question: How can we move from apathy to Gospel urgency?

Big Idea: *Believers are called to speak and do out of the boldness of what they see and feel.*

Introduction: *Stimulating Gospel Urgency amidst meaningless urgency*

Moving from indifference to making a Gospel-centered difference

- What believers **see** when looking at a lost world.
 - The idolatry of pleasure and reason.
- What believers **feel** when they look at the lost world.
 - Stimulated to pursue the best for the lost world.
- What believers **do** in the lost world.
 - Place our lives amongst the lost and use every *launching point* to point to Christ.
- What believers **say** to the lost world.
 - Who God is
 - What God desires
 - What God has done

How do we take this message home with us and apply it to our lives?

Three things to *look at* to stimulate Gospel urgency...

- Look at the cross
- Look at Christ and Christ-like examples
- Look at the lost and internalize the realities of their lostness

John Stott Quote: *We do not **speak** like Paul because we do not **feel** like Paul; this is because we do not **see** like Paul.*

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

Acts 17:16-17