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**Talk Together:**

1. Why was Paul distressed in the city of Athens? What did he do about it? (v.16-21)
2. How did Paul connect with the crowd (v. 22-23)? Why is this important?
3. How did Paul describe God (v.24-31)?
4. How did those listening respond these descriptions (v. 32-34)?

**Conviction:**

I will build bridges and use timeless truths of the Gospel to reach out to others in meaningful and relevant ways.

**Application:**

What are some specific ways you would explain the gospel differently to a person of a different faith, culture or background? Who will you share to this week?

**Pray Together:**

Dear Lord, make us zealous for Your glory and passionate for people's salvation. Help us to see others through Your eyes. Give us boldness and a courageous spirit to speak the gospel to any who will listen. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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