

# While You're Waiting – Tourist or Missionary?

Acts 17:16-34

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**NOTICE:** The emphasis of our discussion is to see how the Written Word (Bible) and the Spoken Word (Preaching) work together to build up the believer, so when you see WORD in the questions, know it refers to the Scripture and the Sermon.

**Recap:** *Look back for evidence of God's word reshaping your heart and life.*

1. Does anyone have a testimony of how last week's WORD (putting on humility, gentleness, and patience) was put into practice?

**Engage:** *Look into the Word of God in light of Sunday's preached sermon.*

2. Read Acts 17:16-21 and point out anything significant about Paul's mindset and activity upon arriving in Athens.
3. After reading Acts 17:22-34 as a group, highlight and discuss the various ways that Paul tries to connect with his audience in Athens.

**Reflect:** *Look deeper at the preached and written Word.*

4. Phud contrasted the tourist mindset with that of a missionary. Whether or not you've consciously embodied either of those mindsets before, how does Paul's behavior challenge you to rethink the way you work and play?
5. Paul went to the religious and the pagan around him. How does your life prioritize engaging both groups around you?

**Respond:** *Look ahead and around to see how you can be obedient and missional.*

6. Gospel clarity is crucial for every believer in Christ because it is not only the basis of our salvation, but also the message we use to invite others to salvation. Work as a group to articulate a simple, but clear Gospel message that can be shared with others (Hint: use Ephesians 2:1-10 if you need help).
7. How does the WORD change the way you interact with the world around you this week?

