

Home Group Questions – Acts 17: 16 - 34

- In what sense do you think it might be true that there are objects of worship everywhere in greater Birmingham?
- In your experience how might it be true to say that the individual religious instinct has not disappeared?
Is that your experience among your friends and contacts?
- What form does this religious instinct take today? What do you notice about it?
- What aspect of our changing cultural landscape do you think makes it most difficult to talk about Jesus?

- *There is more suspicion of all institutions,*
- *People no longer see the Bible as a book that is reliable or authoritative.*
- *Everyone is an expert thanks to the internet.*
- *Expansion of global travel opportunities means far more people are exposed to other cultures. We live side by side with people from all major world faiths.*
- *These days there's suspicion of the idea of there being an overarching truth that everyone must believe.*
- *Increasing secularisation of society.*
- *Rejection of idea that truth exists objectively*
- *People with certainties are distrusted. The great sin is to think you are right.*
- *Greater affluence and the dominance of consumerism*
- *There's a narcissism to our culture*
- *Communications are dominated by social media*

- What part should listening and observing play in sharing faith?
- How can we read our culture like Paul?
- What do you make of the statement that *“God is likely to be lurking with missional intent in many of the things that people are reading and watching.”*

Paul writes in verses 27, 28 that God's desire is *“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;*

- How does this match with how you view God?
- *“Jesus is Lord means all other competing loyalties and practices have to be set aside to begin a new life with him.”* What things are competing for loyalty to God in your life?

