

## He Reasoned With Them

As preached on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Read:** Acts 17:16-34

1. Can you remember when you first became curious about God? How did it happen? (explain)
2. What did you do to satisfy that curiosity? Was there someone you trusted to whom you could bring your questions?
3. On Sunday, we spoke of three levels of curiosity: Awareness, Engagement, and Exchange. List some attributes of each of these levels below. Why is it important for Christians to be aware of these levels?
4. Do you agree with the warning that we should never over-interpret someone's curiosity? Why, or why not? How can we guard against doing so?
5. In Acts 17, Paul's willingness to reason with people in the public square roused their curiosity. Based upon their statements in vv.18-20, what would you say their level of curiosity was? (refer back to question #3)
6. How did Paul respond to the requests of his listeners? Do you feel that his response was an appropriate interpretation of their level of curiosity? Why, or why not?
7. How did the people respond to Paul after he had finished speaking at the Areopagus? What do you make of the three different responses detailed in vv.32-34? Do you think Paul's evangelistic interaction was "successful"? Why? Why not?
8. What are some tangible ways that we can help people who are not believers, who have grown to trust us, to move from complacency to curiosity regarding God?