

**Going Viral Among Skeptics**  
**Sermon # 17, Acts 17:16-34**

**Main Point:** *Go viral because people are lost and need to know the one true Savior!*

**Getting to Know You**

1. Please tell the group about an opportunity you had to go viral since our last meeting.

**Getting into the Book: Read 17:16-34**

**Reference 17:16-17**

2. Why was Paul so upset? What underlying conviction caused his reaction? What did he do about it?

**Reference 17:18-34**

3. How did Paul get an opportunity to address the Areopagus?
4. How did Paul build common ground with his audience? (specifically verses 22, 23 and 28)
5. Why do think Paul spent so much time talking about God and never mentioned Jesus by name?

**Getting Out There**

6. What examples of idols are people wrongly giving God's glory to in our culture? Does this bother you like it bothered Paul? Why or why not?
7. What are the various approaches you have used to go viral with people in your life based on their starting point?
8. Considering the culture of idolatry and pluralism in Athens (and ours), do you believe it was tolerant for Paul (and us) to say what he did about God's nature and judgment? Why or why not?
9. In what three ways did people respond to Paul's speech? What does this teach you about how skeptics will respond when you go viral?
10. What resources (i.e. books, websites, videos, etc.) have you found helpful for training you to go viral or for helping a skeptic?

**Reminder:** If you have not done so, fill out a "My Faith Story" card and turn it in at church.

**Pray**

Pray that we will be so captured for God's glory that the idolatry of the world and God's compassion for the lost will compel us to go viral with His good news.