

A Christian Encounter with Godless Intellectualism

Acts 17:16-34

In many of our cities today, we encounter intelligent people who neither know nor serve the true and living God. How are we as Christians to interact with people such as these? What should we do when we encounter a godless intellectualism? Our response should be much the same as Paul's response. In Acts 17:16-34, we are able to learn four lessons from Paul's encounter with godless intellectualism in the city of Athens.

1. Like Paul, we should be provoked when we see a society given to idolatry. (v. 16)
2. Like Paul, we should pursue different opportunities for the proclamation of the gospel. (vv. 17-18)
3. Like Paul, we should adjust our gospel presentation based on the nature of our audience. (vv. 19-31)
4. Like Paul, we will encounter differing responses to our gospel proclamation. (vv. 32-34)