


# Do you speak our language? Acts 17.22–34



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- Microsoft Works
  - Holy war
  - Minor catastrophe
  - Affordable housing
  - Canadian army
  - Death benefits
  - Airline Food
  - Government organization

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- British fashion
  - Business ethics
  - Soft rock
  - Christian Scientists
  - Temporary tax increase
  - Political science
  - Honest Politician

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- ❑ In a Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.
  - ❑ In a Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.
  - ❑ In a hotel in Athens: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.

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- ❑ Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.
  - ❑ In a Belgrade hotel elevator: To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.
  - ❑ In a Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

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**We value culturally-relevant  
ministry which reflects the  
presence of the living Christ**

Therefore our priority is a Kingdom  
lifestyle which continues the  
ministry of Christ in all areas of  
our lives.

# Continuing the Ministry of Jesus

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vss.16-18 Progression

waiting

sharpening

reasoning

preaching good news

# A kingdom lifestyle

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## **vss.19-21 Provoking**

Brought him

that we may know

bringing strange ideas

that we may know what they  
mean

listening to the latest ideas

# culturally-relevant ministry

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## Learning the Language

I see

I walked around

I looked carefully

I even found

I am going to proclaim

# Three attention-getters

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- things people value
- things that are unique
- things that threaten people

Rick Warren

# Do you know whom you worship?

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- vs.24      God is one  
                  God is Creator  
                  God is Omnipresent
  
- vs.25      God is not our creation
  
- vs.26      God created all humanity  
                  God is involved with humanity

# Do you know whom you worship?

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vs.27      God is close and accessible

vs.29      God creates us in his image

vs.31      Jesus is the One to worship

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When the NT speaks about conversion it does not mean the altering of an opinion. Instead it uses the word “metanoia” which means literally, “a change of mind”.

# Awakened Seekers

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- Some of them sneered
- Others wanted to hear more
- A few become followers and  
believed

# What are we to do?

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- Learn the language of others
- Let God sharpen you in the waiting
- Listen to their stories
- Remember that love needs no translation
- Tell them your story