

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from May 22, 2016 The Communication of the Gospel in Athens Acts 17:22-34**

#### **Observing the text**

Compare Paul's sermon in Acts 17:22-31 with what he spoke at Pisidian Antioch in Acts 13:16-41. What major differences do you observe?

What explains the reasons for such differences?

Consider why Paul would choose to quote Greek poets (17:28)?

In what sense did God "overlook the times of ignorance" (17:30)?

How can this sermon from Paul serve us in communicating the truth of Christ to unbelievers today?

#### **Applying the sermon**

Which attribute of God's character impacted your understanding of Him based upon Acts 17:24-28?

In what way have you been able to adjust the content of your communication according to a person's religious background when you speak with them about Jesus?

How does the judgment of God fit into your conversations with unbelievers regarding Christ? Is this a topic you avoid, or have you used this truth as a reason for belief?

How does the response to Paul in Athens compare with what you have experienced in your ministry for Christ?