

#### Context

"Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols."

### How?

"So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him."

-Acts 17:17-18

#### Invitation

"May we know what this new teaching is that you are bringing?"

## Perceptive Communication

"So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious..."

### Plain Communication

- Creator
  - o"The God who made the world..." vs 24
- Ruler
  - o"...being Lord of heaven and earth" vs 24
- Giver
  - o"He himself gives to all men life..." vs 25

### Plain Communication

- In Control
  - o"made every nation...determining..." vs 26
- Purposeful
  - o"...that they should seek God" vs 27
- Near
  - o"He is actually not far..." vs 27

# Piercing Communication

"Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man."

# Piercing Communication

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to <u>repent</u>."

### Pointed Communication

"Because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by <u>a man</u> whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

### Persuasive Communication

"he is actually not far from each one of us, for

'In him we live and move and have our being';

As even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring."

Being then God's offspring..." - Acts 17:28

### Pleasant Communication

"Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."

### Productive Communication

God's Part

"So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed."

- Acts 17:33-34