

מעשי השליחים Ma'asei HaShlichim

[ACTS OF THE APOSTLES]

Acts 17:16–18:11
"Athens & Corinth"

Discussion Questions:

1. Distinguish between and summarize Stoicism and Epicureanism. Which of the two philosophies most accords with today's postmodern values?
2. What was the Areopagus? Where did they meet in Paul's day? How did Paul use the "altar of the unknown god" in Athens to escape charges of introducing strange deities?
3. Explain Paul's attempt at communicating the gospel in Greek philosophical language in Athens. Why did he minimize references to a Jewish context? How well did his attempt work?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1-4. How did Paul's experience in Athens change his method of teaching when he came to Corinth? How did you think he may have viewed his own attempt at rhetoric?
5. What did Paul do for a living? What did that trade entail? Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-18. Did Paul feel it was wrong for apostles and teachers to receive their income from teaching? Why did he insist on providing for his own needs? Why do you think he refused financial support from the Corinthian believers but accepted long-distance support from Philippi?

