

The Bible in One Year Week 26: To the Ends of the Earth (Acts Pt. 4) Acts 13:1-5, 17:16-34

3 Insights from Paul's Message on Mars Hill

- The Gospel Engages Everyone
 - The insiders, the outsiders, the high, the low, and everyone in between. Paul preached the Gospel in Synagogues, in the Marketplace, and on Mars Hill (arguably the cultural, philosophical, and intellectual center of Greco-Roman civilization)
- The Gospel Compliments, Critiques, and Confronts Culture
 In each of these different settings, Paul complimented and critiqued the culture of the people he
 was speaking too, then confronted them with the simple proclamation of the Gospel: Christ lived,
 died, rose, reigns, and is going to return.
- The Gospel Causes a Stir

We shouldn't be discouraged when faith in Christ is met with ridicule and the response seems small. The Gospel has always sounded strange and crazy to this world. God can do incredible things with small seeds.

For Further Study:

"Paul's Missionary Journey: Acts 13-20" by the Bible Project (YouTube)
https://youtu.be/fglsbcGSr3A

"St. Paul's Masterclass in Evangelization" by Bishop Robert Barron (YouTube) https://youtu.be/9sLTCUCD0S8

"How to Effectively Reach People in Post-modern, Post-Christian Culture" from the Carey Nieuwhof Podcast (YouTube)

https://youtu.be/UTsi7Bmsghl

"Mars Hill: Paul's Courageous Message" about the Areopagus (Blog)

https://livingpassages.com/preaching-gospel-mars-hill/