



### Looking at the Big Picture

- Before Time: **Colossians 1:15**
- Creation: **Colossians 1:16**
- Rebellion
- Redemption
  - Abraham: nations blessed **Genesis 12:1-3**
  - Israel: light to the nations
  - Jesus: light of the world **John 1:14; 8:12**
  - Church: so send I you **John 20:21; Matthew 28:18-20**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus: all things made new
- New Creation: **Revelation 21:5**

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to get you started.

### Reflection Questions:

- What questions and comments did you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- “Morals are not enough” Agree/disagree? Why/why not?
- “The gospel of Jesus is so much more than the gospel of sin management” Agree/disagree? Why/why not?
- How (and why) do you think we shrink the gospel to less than the full gospel of the kingdom of God?

### Looking at the Big Picture

- How is looking at the Big Picture (see over) helpful for seeing the flow of history.
- Why do you think we often ignore the Big Picture?

### Read Acts 17:1-4

Paul & Silas preach in Thessalonica for 3 weeks.

- What was the focus of their talks?
- Why is this significant?

### Read Acts 17:10-12

- What happens when Paul & Silas move to Berea?
- What do they teach about? Why is this significant?

### Read Acts 17:16-34

- What does Paul do in Athens? Where does he go in Athens? Why do you think he does these things?
- Why do you think Paul’s teaching seen as “strange” v18?
- How does Paul address them? Summarize his message?
- What does he say that is significant for Athenians?
- Who does Paul quote? Why is that significant?
- How did people respond?
- How much is our culture like that of Athens?

### Living it Out

- What are the issues, speakers, contexts in which we can learn to apply what Paul does in Athens?
- How do we speak and live the gospel of Jesus in a way that is life affirming and sets people free from bondage when the context is an unawareness of who Jesus is?