

CHARGE Youth Discussion Questions Outline

GRADE
7-12

Date & Week

September 7, 2025 (Wk 7)

Bible Focus

Acts 17:16-34

Theme Focus

**Worshipped without Blood
or Smoke**

Discussion Questions

Main Point: The people in Athens worshipped statues and idols of different gods. But the first Christians believed that following Jesus in everyday life instead of with smoke and blood, was the best way to honour God.

Warm-up questions

1. Have you ever visited a big city with beautiful buildings, statues, and artwork?

Read Acts 17:16-34

2. What city was Paul travelling to when this story took place?

3. When Paul first saw Athens it was obvious to him that they were religious: there were about 3000 statues in Athens. Why was Paul saddened by this?

4. Do you think people still have idols today? What are some things that people put above God in terms of importance?

5. Paul found one particular altar dedicated to which god?

6. What did Paul want the Athenians to know about this unknown god?

7. How did the worship shown in Athens differ from the Christians in the Early Church?
8. Before Jesus, Jewish people were required to make sacrifices in order to make amends for their sins. Why did they no longer need to do this?

Application

9. At the end of a church service, there is often a prayer used that says “we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice for you Lord...” What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?

Prayer

Thank you Jesus that you have opened up the way to be forgiven and know life! Thank you that we can worship you anywhere. Please help us to daily offer our lives as a living sacrifice for you. Amen.

We shouldn't think that God is made out of gold or silver or stone. Acts 17:29