

# SERMON NOTES

Acts 17

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## Meeting Jesus Again: Paul's Speech

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### I. Introduction

- A. Francis Xavier, July 27, 1549, arrive in Japan.
- B. When did God get there?

### II. Acts 17

- A. Background
  - 1. Athens
  - 2. Acropolis
  - 3. Philosophy and Religion
- B. Paul was \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Finding Common Ground
  - 1. You are very religious. . .
  - 2. You have so many temples and altars. . .
  - 3. You even have one to an unknown god

### III. Finding Common Ground

- A. In Japan, in Athens, in our neighborhoods
- B. What do we both believe?
- C. ***In him we live and move and have our being***
  - 1. We live—God created us and all that exists
  - 2. We move—giving strength for each day
  - 3. We have our being—our worth and dignity

### IV. Beyond Common Ground

- A. After finding common ground, Paul tells them about that “unknown god”
- B. The fullness of God's revelation in Jesus
- C. The gift of New Life

### V. Celebrating God's Presence Throughout Our Lives