



**Under God? Week Two**  
*I Don't Agree With You But I'm Listening*  
**Acts 17:16-34**  
*We become peacemakers when we learn to truly listen.*

**THIS SERIES**—will be focused on how Christians can be peacemakers in a culture that seems hopelessly divided and at war with itself.

**In/Out Group Mentality - Jane Elliot 1968 Experiment**  
MRI studies of the brain - Out-Group Homogeneity  
**The amygdala fires, processing anger and fear...**

**HERE IS WHAT IS AT STAKE - The Future. Period.**  
*We have to start listening to one another—now more than ever.*

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**ACTS 17:16-34 - Paul Earns the Right To Speak By Listening First**

- The Aeropagus a bit of history and the ethos of Athens.
- Paul lands here after getting kicked out of Ephesus
- He gets the chance to speak at the Aeropagus, and takes it.
- Quickly assesses the lay of the land, understands the context.
- Paul quotes poets and philosophers that are known and respected.
- Some people embrace what he says—Dionysius and Damaris

**Paul demonstrates his willingness to listen and have his own beliefs shaped by the people he's trying to engage.**

**Start With You**

*Take Off Your Jersey—tribalism isn't going to cut it.*  
*Find Your Why—what values are truly important to us.*

**Turn Outward**

*Give Grace—our culture suffers from grace deficiency.*  
*Get Curious—take the time to hear someone else's "why"*

**YOUR HOMEWORK:**

- 1. Create A "Why" List**
- 2. Find Moments to Ask "Tell me more..."**

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**SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING**

**FOR FURTHER READING:**

**Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers**  
*I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations.*

**Arthur C. Brooks**  
*Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from A Culture of Contempt*

**Ben Sasse**  
*Them: Why We Hate Each Other And How To Heal*

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