

Responses to the Gospel

Acts 17:32-34 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Question Preachers Hear

- After a meeting – Any responses?
- My answer – Yes, everyone responded.
- Paul is preaching in Athens, Greece
- Center of education, philosophy, pagan worship
- The sermon today will end with the same 3 choices

Some Mocked

- **Acts 17: 32a** And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked
- Mock = play like a child, sport, tease, jest, ridicule, make fun of another
- Christ was mocked – Luke 23:36
- Today – Bullying is the word

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Others Waited

- **Acts 17:32b** others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."
- Don't decide too quickly – good to a point
- Agrippa – Acts 26:28 – Almost persuaded
- Felix – Acts 24:25 – More convenient time
- Wait too long = Too late

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- **Acts 17:32b** others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."
- Delay long enough to know, understand
- Make sure you are ready to commit
- Many keep on waiting for more information, have questions that are not relevant

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- **Acts 17:34a** However, some men joined him and believed
- Belief comes from hearing the Word – Romans 10:17
- Belief is based on evidence – Hebrews 11:1
- Belief is NOT a leap in the dark, guess

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- Belief is knowing that you know
- Belief is assurance, conviction

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 - Live for Christ – faithful, active, involved