





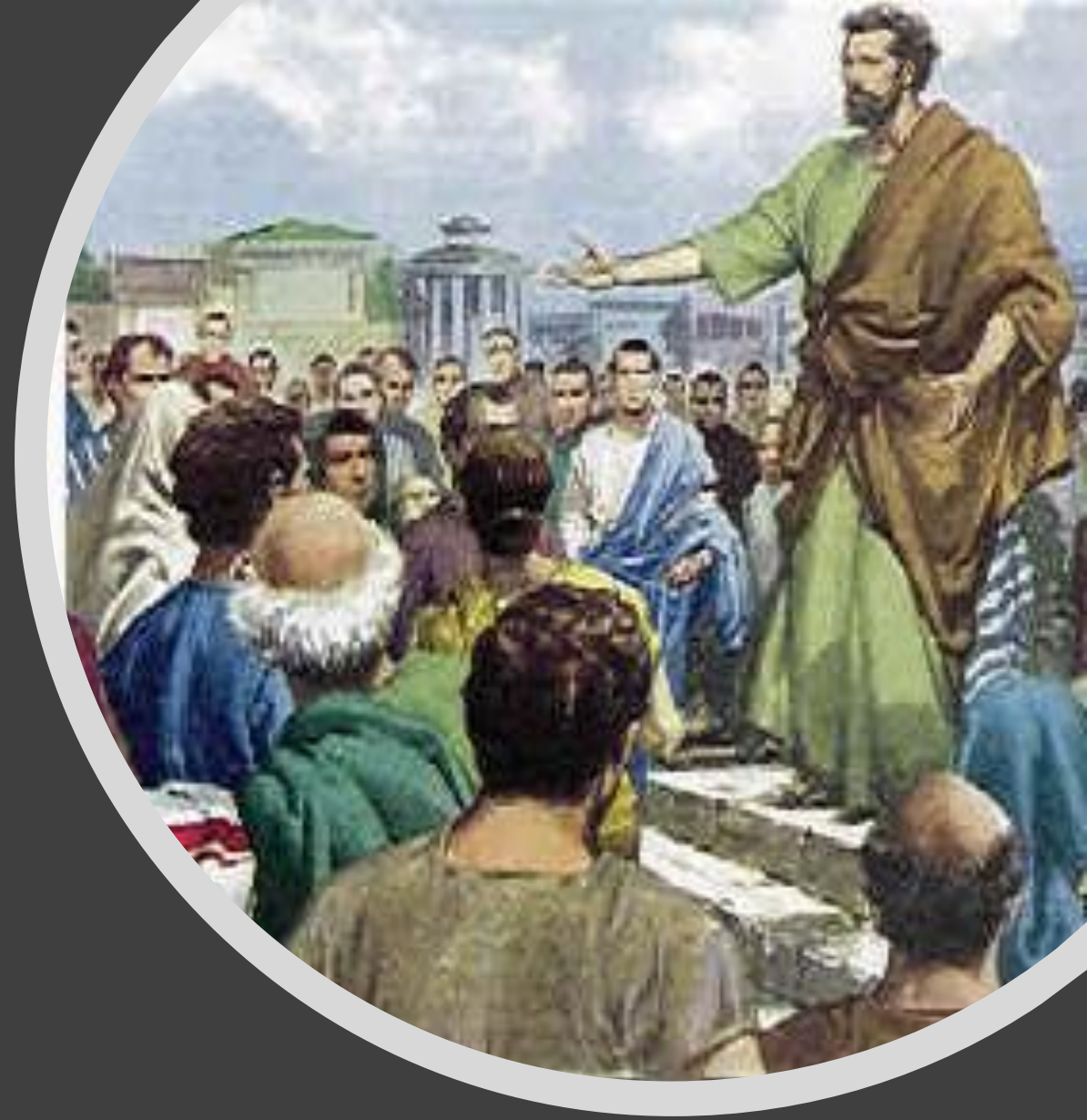
# Meeting People Where They Are

Acts 17:16-34

# Open Our Eyes

He noticed who was spiritually curious (16; 22-23)

- spiritually focused
- spiritually perceptive
- looking for an opening



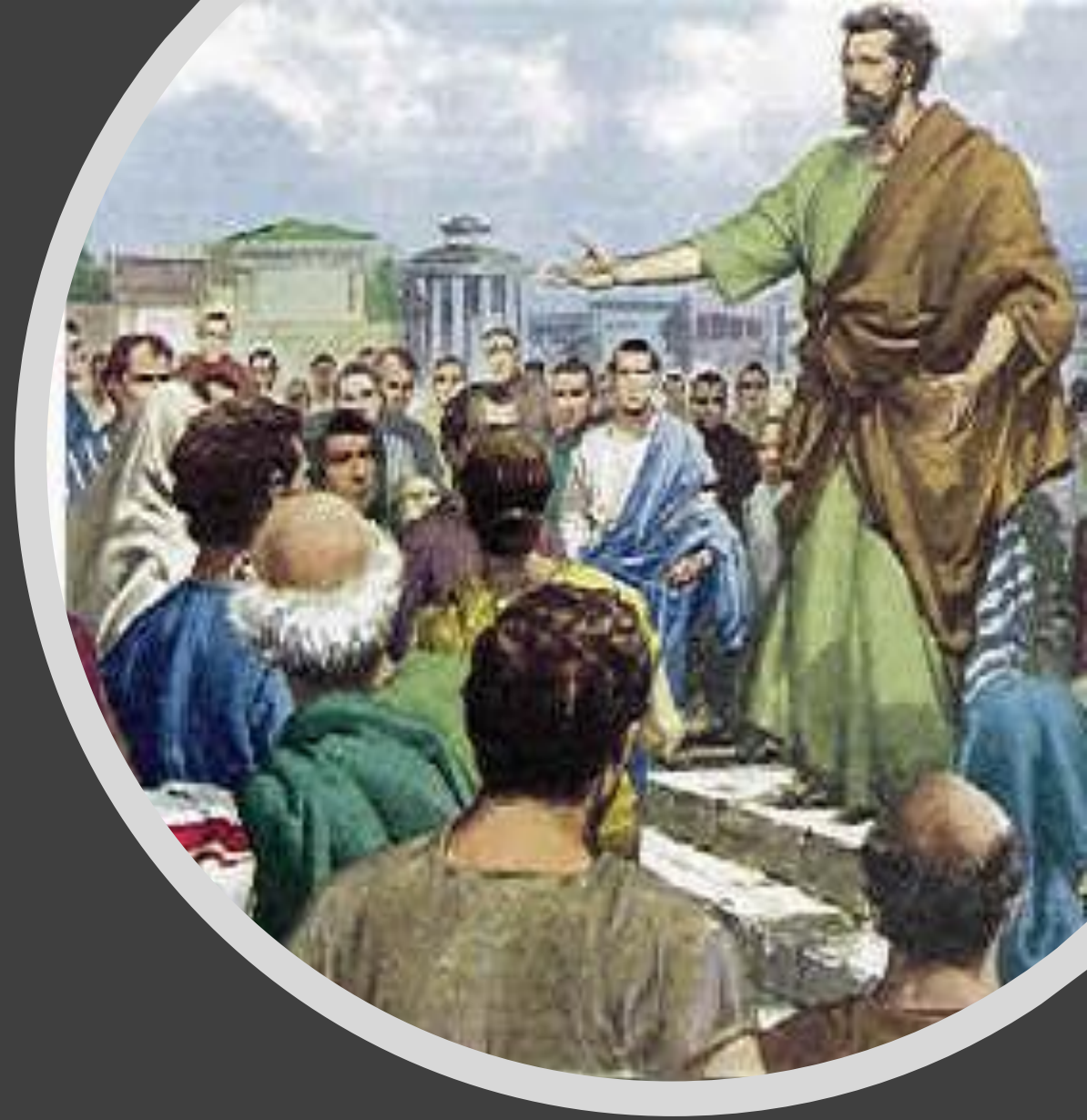
# Open Our Hearts

His spirit was provoked (16)

- angry for them... not at them

He tailored his approach (21)

- he considered his audience



# Open Our Mouths

He “reasoned” with them (17)

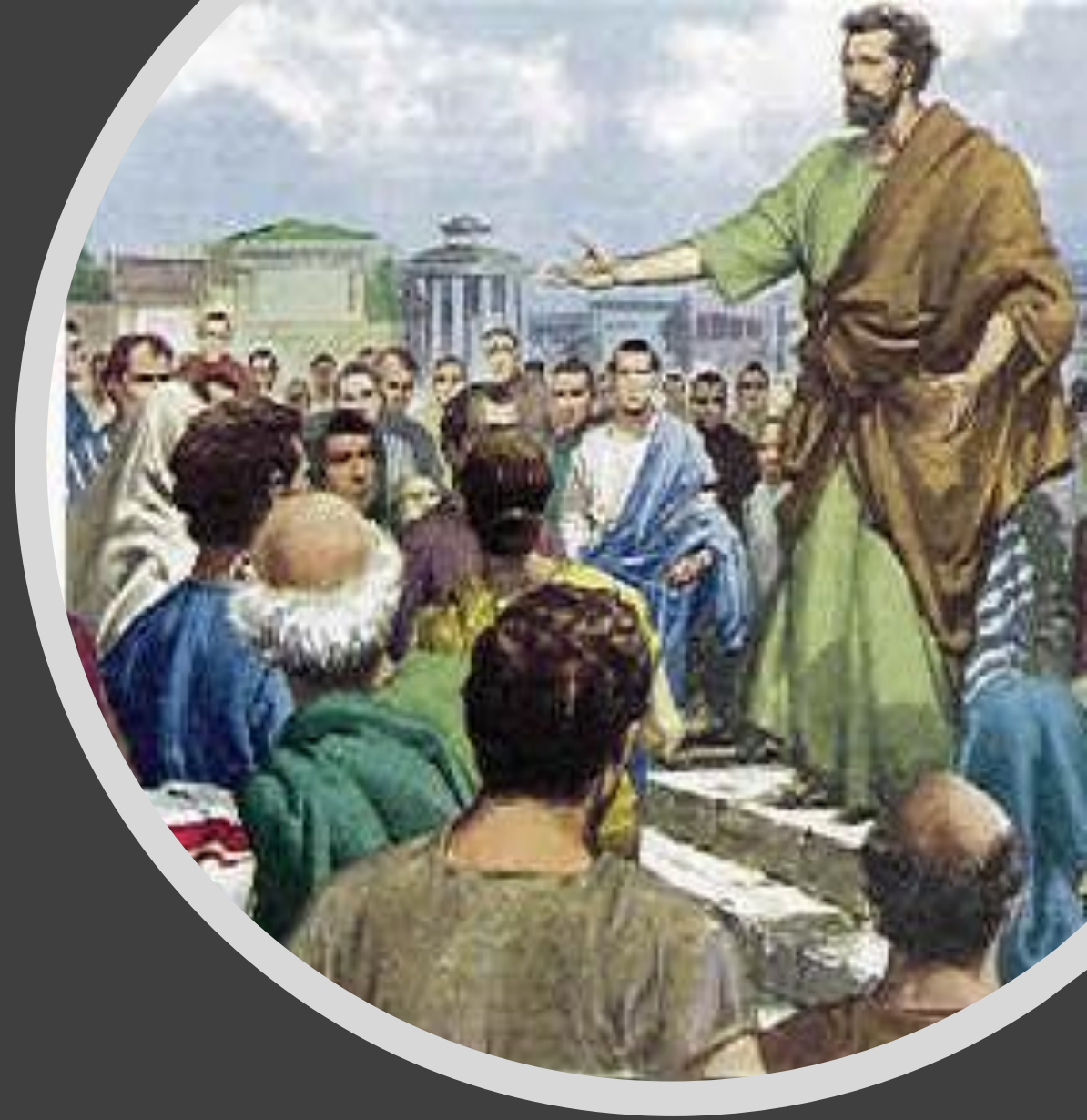
- drawing from scripture (2)
- trying to persuade (18:4)

He was “preaching” (18)

- not confined to a pulpit

He reached out (22-23)

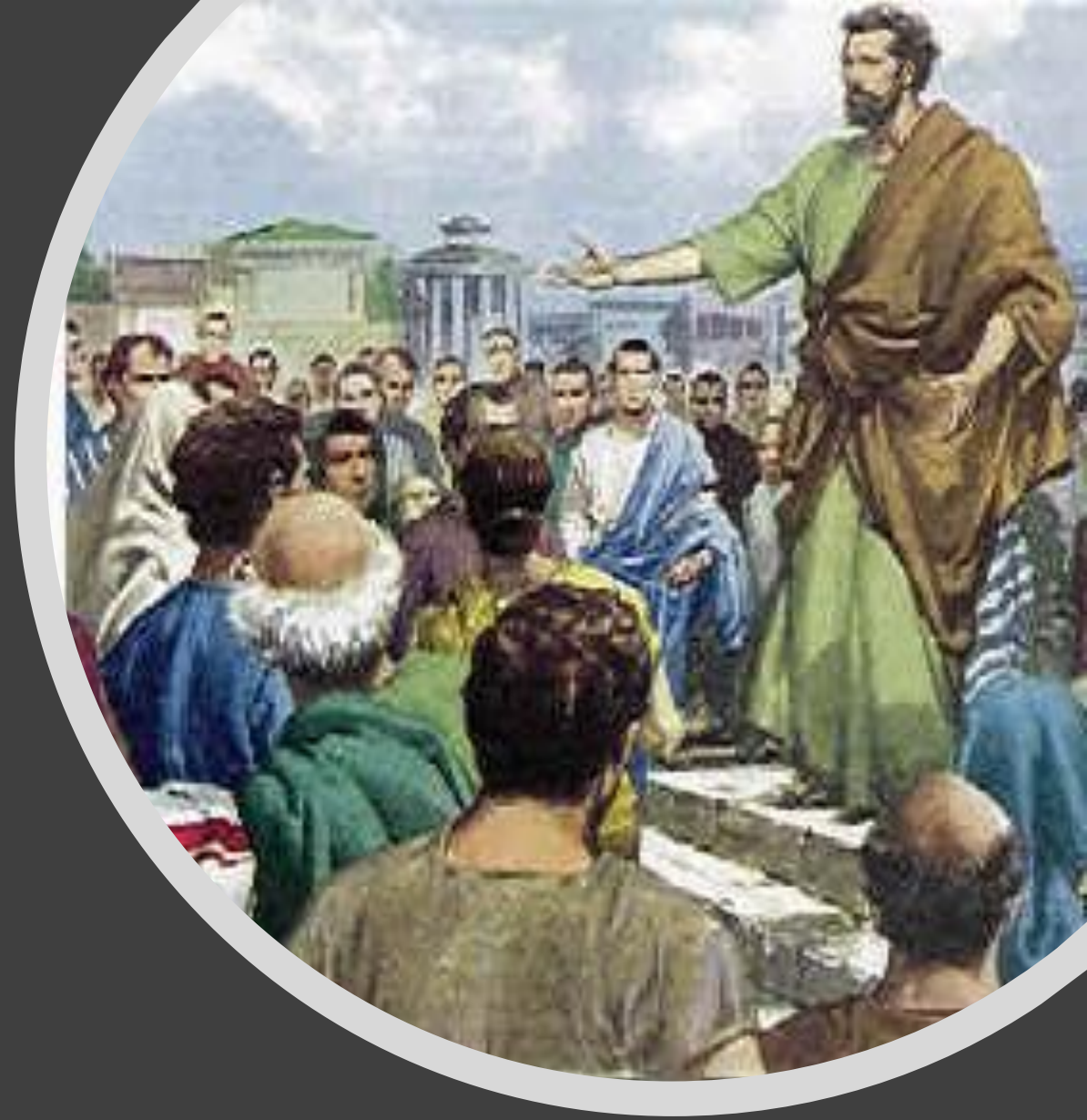
- commends them
- establishes common ground



# Open A Door for God

## Work God into conversations (24-31)

- He created us (24)
- He is close to us (27-28)
- He holds us accountable (29-30)
- He will judge us (31)
- He gave His Son for us

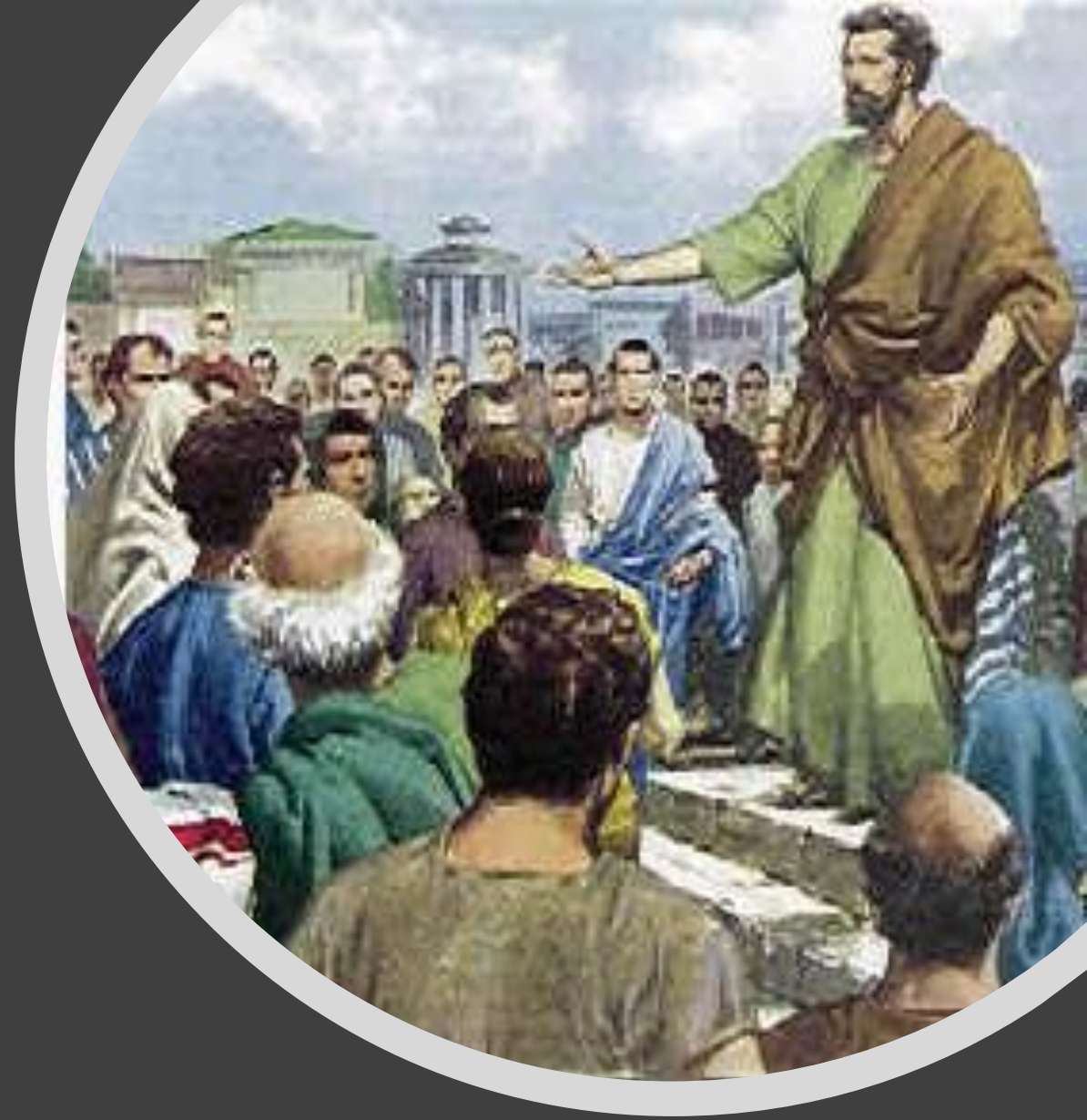


*“the mouth speaks what the heart is full of” - Luke 6:45 (NIV)*

# When He Did...

He got mixed results (32-34)

- Some dismissed it
- Some considered it
- Some accepted it



# When We Do...

Some will dismiss it

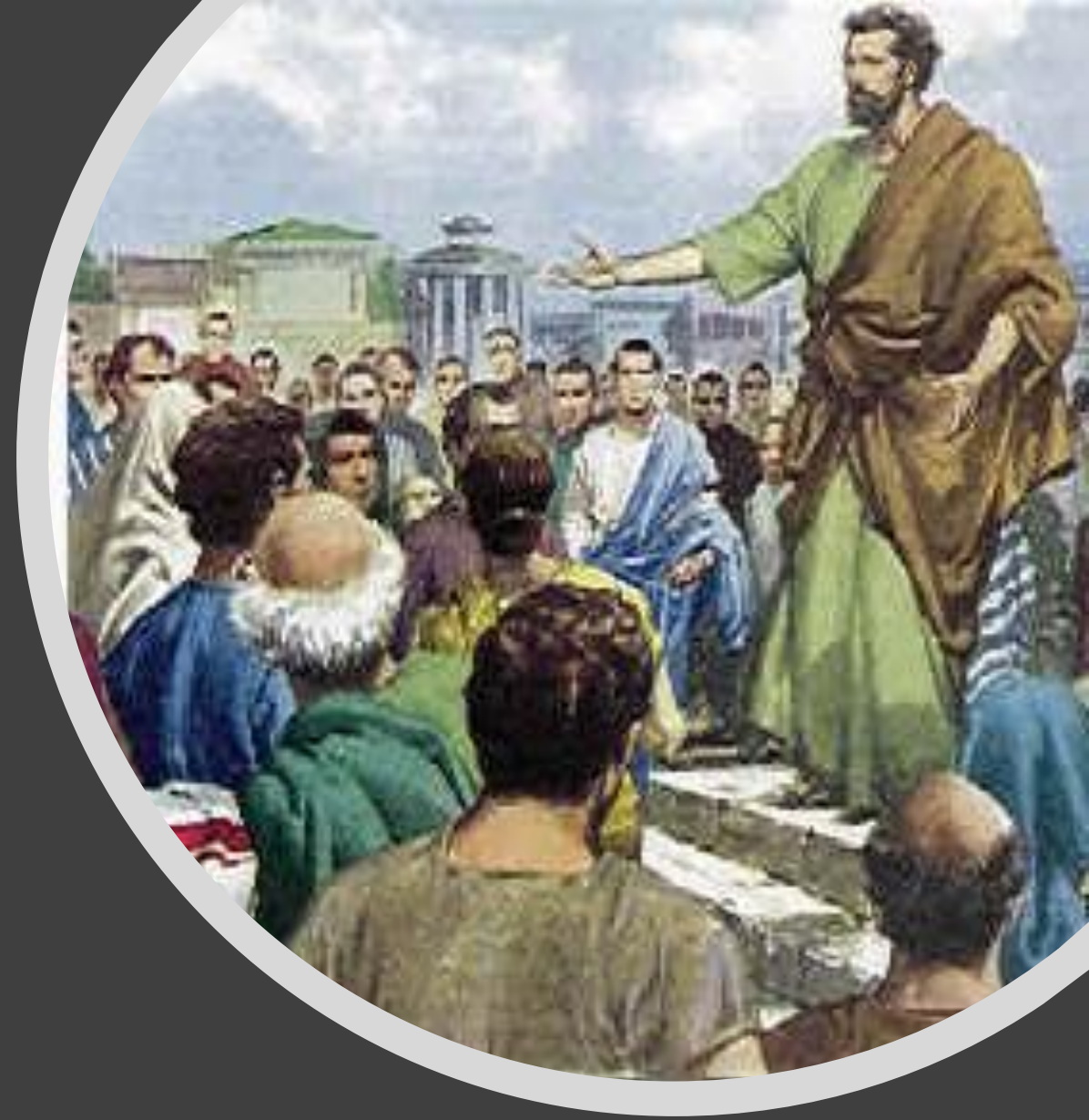
Some will consider it

Some will accept it

And so, it goes...

if we will go...

and meet people where they are





# Why We Must...

**30** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

**31** because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

