TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Acts 17: 16-23 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. 17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. 18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? 20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." 21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: NKJV

- Paul saw the condition of the city
- The city was given over to idols (Ghana idol story)
- Everyone has something they serve.
- The foundation of Paul’s ministry was that He saw the city and his spirit (Pneuma) was provoked (irritated, stirred or provoked).
- Paul reasoned (KJV says – disputed) in the synagogue
- He reasoned with the Jews
- He reasoned with the Greeks
- Paul reasoned in the marketplace
- With those who happened to be there
- This included those doing public business
- It included those eating
- This included those involved in industry
- Those who were involved in public debate

Preaching Point:

I have discovered the answer