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**Message Series:** What Really Matters

**Today's Message:** Building Bridges Not Barriers: Making Disciples

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**Paul's Starting Point: The Longings of Humans for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty**

**Acts 17:16, 19, 22, 23**

**Acts 17:24**

Paul, after carefully examining their culture, – showed them that the God they worshipped as unknown, was actually true and knowable **Acts: 17: 27, 28** **Acts 17: 29, 30, 31**

Paul confronted their idolatry with Hope: Jesus' Resurrection

**Truth:** As Christians, we must see Jesus as not only Beautiful, but as Brilliant and Wise; He is not irrelevant but to be taken seriously.

**Colossians 1: 15-17** **Colossians 2: 1-4** **Hebrews 1: 3** **Hebrews 2:1**

Our “Athens” – disenchanting, belief in Christianity an embarrassment, – yet - a universal longing for transcendence.

Winsome Persuasion: Christian Influence Impacting Our World

**Essential Truths:**

1. To gain credibility and protect our youth from crippling self-doubt, we must not only understand “our side” but also the facts used by others.

**Jude 10**- false Christ followers” slander whatever they do not understand”.

2. Intellectually humble people value truth over their egos and are then freed to admit when they're wrong.

**Proverbs 12:15** “The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice”.

**Proverbs 11: 2****Proverbs 18:12**

3. Christians must embrace the reality that we have blind spots, lack of information and biases, that keep us from seeing and knowing things clearly.

**1 Corinthians 13: 12**

4. Goodwill and “gentleness”: put people's needs above their own.

“Pursue Love” **1 Corinthians 14: 1**

**Ephesians 4:15**

**1 Peter 3: 8, 9, 17**

**Psalms 103:4**

**Mark 4:16, 17**

**Galatians 4: 19, 20**