



Sermon Main Idea:

The way we do church is very well constructed, much like the bridge of the rising sun, but the world has changed, making our construct ineffective. It's time for the Church to adjust our approach.

Introduction:

1. How have you seen the Church adapt to changes in culture with changes in approach?
2. How have you seen the Church stand firm in its approach, making it ineffective to reach people in our culture...a bridge to nowhere?

SORP:

Scripture | read Acts 17:15-34

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What stands out to you about Paul's response to what he saw in Athens?
2. What were the different responses of the people to what Paul was preaching? What does this communicate to you about the culture of that time and place?
3. When he was invited to the Areopagus, what do you notice about Paul's approach in sharing the good news of Jesus? How did He adapt/change?
4. In what ways do you see Paul becoming a bridge from the people of Athens to the gospel?
5. What do you notice about the varied responses of the members of the Areopagus in verses 32-34?

Response | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. What hinders the Church from change?
2. What are some ways that the Church needs to adjust our approach to being a bridge from the people of our community to the gospel?
3. What are some people groups in our culture that you want to learn more about, in order to see where God is already at work and connect them to that, as Paul did with the Athenians?
4. How might you go about learning and connecting?
5. What changes might you need to make in your own approach? What fears or hesitations do you have in this type of change?
6. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response