**What Was I Thinking? How Did I Get Here? Origins 1.7.2018** Acts 17:22-27

**ICEBREAKER** How do you react to working out jigsaw puzzles? What are your strategies for completing them more quickly? Are there other types of puzzles you enjoy more, and if so, what kind?

**QUESTIONS**

1. In Acts 17:22 Paul says, “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.” How do you describe the difference between being religious and being spiritual? Is being one of these better than the other? Can we be both? Explain your answers.
2. One of three true things about God is, “God made you. You can’t make God.” If we create our own image of God, discuss how this affects worship, prayer, obedience, and faith.
3. In the Q & A, one question was “How do I know what God is saying to me?” Why do we need to hear God’s shouts (Scripture) before we can hear God’s whispers? What methods does God use to ‘whisper’ to us?
4. Another Q & A question dealt with the consequences of sin. Are there differences between remorse because we’ve wronged God and remorse over wronging a person? Explain. Compare a) confession to and b) making amends to God and others. (Matthew 5:23-24 and 1 John 1:9)
5. Paul approached his audiences with respect, taking into account their current relationship, or lack of one, with God. Name some specific ways we can show respect when talking about salvation and knowing God. Why is this also an important practice with fellow Christians?

**THIS WEEK** Read Acts 17:27again, taking note of the phrase “so that they.” Pray this week for someone you know who is far from God. Pray specifically that they would “seek him, reach out for him and find him.” Reach out to this person, respecting their current beliefs about God.