

# Proclaiming the Unknown God: Acts 17

## Read: Acts 17:14-27

### Seven Lessons for Ministry:

*"...the brothers immediately **sent Paul off** on his way to the sea...**as far as Athens.**" (17:14)*

1. Reaching those who do not know God will require us to \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_ them.

-We must schedule time with unbelievers \_\_\_\_\_ of the church and outside of church events/meetings.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ them in what they are already doing! Meet unbelievers on their turf.

*"...receiving a command **for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible**" (17:15)*

2. Reaching those who do not know God is done \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_.

-Begin to think of someone who could join you.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ that God would provide a partner to help you.  
-Seek someone who \_\_\_\_\_ in the same sphere of influence. Seek someone whose personality/interests \_\_\_\_\_ your friend.

*"Now while Paul was waiting for them...**he saw that the city was full of idols.**" (17:16)*

*"**I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar...**"(17:22)*

3. Reaching those who do not know God will require us to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ of worship.

-Take note of the things that they \_\_\_\_\_ about most.  
-Take note of the things they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with. Take note of how they talk about religion, God, church.  
-Ask probing \_\_\_\_\_: 'Would you rather...' Follow them on Facebook.

*"So he reasoned **in the synagogue** with the Jews and the devout persons, and **in the marketplace every day** with those who happened to be there." (17:17)*

4. Reaching those who do not know God will require us \_\_\_\_\_ to their places of work, leisure, \_\_\_\_\_ and hobby.

-Familiarize yourself with their daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
-Discover their \_\_\_\_\_ and interests. Go often to their place of work & home.  
-Ask them about their interests, hobbies, likes, dislikes.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ up on their interests. Invite them to join you, or ask to join them on an outing.

*"I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' (17:22-23)*

*"...some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.' (17:28)*

5. Reaching those who do not know God will require us being aware of their \_\_\_\_\_, philosophy of life & \_\_\_\_\_ it to reason for the gospel.

- Familiarize yourself with the way they reason.
- Casually question them to discover their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be familiar with current events/media that matter to them.
- Look for ways to share \_\_\_\_\_ views. Look for ways to bridge their fallacies to reality.

*"I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you." (17:22-23)*

6. Reaching those who do not know God will require us to \_\_\_\_\_ the gap from their fallen worldview to a \_\_\_\_\_ one.

- Be up to date on world events, culture and media.
- Use those events & catastrophes to point to \_\_\_\_\_.
- You must find ways to graciously point out \_\_\_\_\_.
- You must develop the skill of logic and reason.

*"...he commands all people everywhere to repent ...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." (17:28-29)*

7. Reaching those who do not know God will require a calling for \_\_\_\_\_ because of the coming \_\_\_\_\_ on every man.

### Essentials of the Gospel according to Paul in Acts 17...

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God as preeminent creator and owner.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of the invisible God for the worship of lesser, created things.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of an inescapable righteous Man-God Judge after death.

The need for \_\_\_\_\_ of disregarding God, worshiping other things and living contrary to a sovereign Judge.

- Keep the end goal in mind at all times.
- Be a 'nudger'. Continually nudge your friend more and more towards the truth.
- At some point you must put your friend to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ again and again what repentance & belief look like.