



Oakwood

CHURCH

May 2 Discussion Questions

“The Gospel Explained”

Acts 17:16-34

Preview

“But now he commands all people everywhere to repent because 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” Acts 17:30-31

Truths About God	Truths Point to Jesus
1. God is <u>Closer</u> than you Think. Acts 17:23, 26-28	Jesus <u>Came</u> to us! Galatians 4:4
2. God is <u>Greater</u> than you Imagine. Acts 17:24-25,29	Jesus <u>Died</u> for us! Romans 5:8
3. God is <u>Calling</u> you to Himself. Acts 17:30-31	Jesus <u>Demands</u> your total commitment. Romans 10:9-10

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.” Mark 8:34-35

Connect

1. What cultures of the world have you observed? What made them unique and different from our culture? What did you like? What didn't you like?

Pray & Read Acts 17:16-34

Discuss & Apply

2. What did Paul observe while he was in Athens? What does this tell us about the culture of the Athenians?
3. What is wrong with the presupposition that there can be many ways to God? How does this relate to Pastor Darin's example of the three blind men touching the elephant?
4. How did Paul contextualize the Gospel message to this pluralistic culture of Gentiles?
5. Why is it important that we contextualize the Gospel to the people we are trying to reach? Give an example of a way you can contextualize the Gospel without compromising the Gospel.
6. God is often closer and more involved in our lives than we think. Can you share a time when God "showed up" when you weren't expecting Him to?
7. In what way is it encouraging that God has predetermined your appointed times and places? (see v.26-27) How should this stimulate your evangelistic activity?
8. How would you define an idol? What do we believe an idol can do for us?
9. What are examples of idols in our culture today? Honestly share which one(s) tend to grab your heart more than others.
10. How has God personally shown you through His provision, His promises, and His power that He is greater than your idols?
11. How is God calling all people to respond in this passage? (see v.30) What does this mean? How do you know when it is authentic? (see 2 Corinthians 7:9-11)
12. Share a time when you repented of a past sin. How did God bring healing and blessing to your life?
13. What is your key takeaway from this study? How is God calling you to change and grow?

Prayer

Pray for God to provide His strength to overcome the idols you are tempted by. Pray for God to produce true, godly transformation in your repentance.

Oakwood Prayer Focus

Pray for meaningful connections with unbelievers leading to a clear explanation of the Gospel message.