



Worship the One True God • Acts 17:16-34

In Acts 17:16-34, the Apostle Paul is deeply provoked by the idolatry in Athens and boldly proclaims the truth of the risen Christ to a skeptical audience at Mars Hill. His message declares that the one true God has made Himself known in Jesus, calling all people to repent and believe. I'd like to use our headings this morning as prayers that we would pray for ourselves, those in our families, the pew next to us, and for our whole church. That the Lord might grant us: 1. A Heart for the Lost, 2. The Courage to Stand for the Gospel, and 3. Humility to Trust God for the Outcome.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Consider John Piper's quote: "missions exists because worship doesn't." What does he mean? What is the relationship between missions and worship?
2. Read Acts 17:17-21. Consider Paul's heart for the lost. What lessons can we learn from Paul's evangelism methodology in these verses? Take time to pray as a group that the Lord would give you hearts for the lost.
3. Now look at verses 22-31. How is Paul's courage for the gospel on display with the Athenians? What are some things in your own life that hinder or discourage your evangelism? Take time to pray together that God would give you courage to stand for the gospel.
4. Finally, look at verses 33-34. What are the three responses to Paul's gospel message? Who is ultimately responsible for the outcome of our evangelism? How should this encourage and help us as we seek to share the good news with the lost? Take time to pray that God would grant you humility to trust him for the outcome of your evangelism efforts.