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The Sermon on Mars Hills, Part 2 **Acts 17:16-34**

I. The Setting (vv. 16-21)

II. The Sermon (vv. 22-31)

A. The greatness of God: He is the _____ (vv. 22-24)
[Gen. 1:1; Psa. 24:1-2; Isa. 45:18]

B. The goodness of God: He is the _____ (v. 25)
[Job 22:2-3; Psa. 50:9-12; Isa. 44:12-15; Rom. 11:36; Matt. 5:45]

C. The government of God: He is the _____ (v. 26-29)
[Deut. 32:8; Isa. 10:12-14; Psa. 16:5-8]

1. He is not _____ (v. 27) [1 Jn. 1:9; Jms. 4:8; Gal. 4:4-7]

2. He is the _____ of life (v. 28) [Eph. 2:4-5]

3. He is _____ (v. 29) [Rom. 1:18-20, 22-23; 2 Pet. 1:3-4]

D. The grace of God: He is the _____ (vv. 30-31)

1. God _____ repentance (vv. 30-31a)
[Rom. 3:23-25; 10:9; Jn. 5:21-22; Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Acts 2:37-38; 4:12]

2. God gives _____ (v. 31b) [Acts 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:4-6]

III. The Summary (vv. 32-34)

A. Some _____ the resurrection (v. 32a) [Acts 2:13; 26:8]

B. Some _____ to hear more (v. 32b) [Acts 24:25]

C. Some _____ the Gospel (vv. 33-34) [Acts 4:4; 28:4; 1 Cor. 1:26]

TAKE HOME

- Are you ***reasoning*** with others about the Gospel?
- Are you ***commanding*** others to repent and believe?
- Are you being faithful in evangelism while ***trusting*** God with the results?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placertachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 17:25. Why is it that God does not need us to serve Him? Does God need anything? Why are we commanded to glorify Him in all things? (Job 22:2-3; Psa. 50:9-12; Isa. 44:12-15; Rom. 11:36; Matt. 5:45)

2. Read Acts 17:26. What is this verse saying? How did this contradict the Greek philosophy and pride of their own race and intellect? How does this same verse humble us and encourage us today? (Deut. 32:8; Isa. 10:12-14; Psa. 16:5-8)

3. Read Acts 17:27. What does God mean that He is not far from each one of us? How does that make you feel? Why is it so important to understand this truth? (1 Jn. 1:9; Jms. 4:8; Gal. 4:4-7)

4. Read Acts 17:28. What are these “sayings” from the local poets? What did they mean to the Greeks? How did Paul want to use these sayings to point to the God of the universe? (Eph. 2:4-5)

5. Read Acts 17:29. What is the logic behind this verse? How does our culture do the same thing today? How can you be on guard against this in your own life? (Rom. 1:18-20, 22-23; 2 Pet. 1:3-4)

6. Read Acts 17:30-31. What were the times of ignorance that God overlooked? Why is He commanding repentance now? What do these verses tell us about the future? (Rom. 3:23-25; 10:9; Jn. 5:21-22; Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Acts 2:37-38; 4:12; Acts 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:4-6)

7. Read Acts 17:32-34. What are the three responses to Paul’s sermon? Which one of these responses do you typically face when you are evangelizing? (Acts 2:13; 26:8; Acts 24:25; Acts 4:4; 28:4; 1 Cor. 1:26)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How will your life and evangelistic strategy change based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Having exposed the folly of idolatry, Paul goes on to state that for many centuries God overlooked the ignorance of the Gentiles. But now that the revelation of the gospel has come, He commands all men everywhere repent, that is, to do an about-face.”