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## *The Sermon on Mars Hills*

**Acts 17:16-34**

### **I. The Setting (vv. 16-21)**

A. The city full of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)  
[Acts 15:39; Isa 42:8]

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of an evangelist (v. 17)  
[Acts 17:4; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:15]

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the culture (v. 18)  
[Acts 4:2; Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 15:12]

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a lifetime (vv. 19-21)  
[Eph. 5:15-17]

### **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; Psa. 146:5-6; Isa. 40:28; Jer. 10:12;  
Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16-17; Rev. 4:11; 10:6; Psa. 103:19; Dan. 4:34-35;  
1 Kings 8:27; Psa. 139:7-10]

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)

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

### **III. The Summary (vv. 32-34)**

#### **TAKE HOME**

- How can you do the work of an evangelist in a very postmodern culture?
- Why is proclaiming God as Creator and Lord over all so connected to the gospel?
- Have you every thought that God needed you?

## **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 [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read Acts 17:16. What was Athens like? How is it similar in some ways to our culture today? (Acts 15:39; Isa. 42:8)

2. Read Acts 17:17. Where did Paul evangelize? How can we be more strategic in our efforts? Why is it important that we evangelize in the church and in the community? (Acts 17:4; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:15)

3. Read Acts 17:18. What were these philosophies about? What are some popular philosophies people have in our culture? How can we confront their thinking? (Acts 4:2; Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 15:12)

4. Read Acts 17:19-21. How was this the opportunity of a lifetime? Have you ever had a key opportunity like this? What did you do? (Eph. 5:15-17)

5. Read Acts 17:22-24. What did you think about Paul’s introduction? Is there a way you could do something similar in introducing your faith to others? Where did Paul begin? Why did he begin there? (Gen. 1:1; Psa. 24:1-2; Isa. 45:18; Psa. 146:5-6; Isa. 40:28; Jer. 10:12; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16-17; Rev. 4:11; 10:6; Psa. 103:19; Dan. 4:34-35; 1 Kings 8:27; Psa. 139:7-10)

6. Read Acts 17:25. What was the second point in Paul’s sermon? What are some of the big theological and practical take-aways from this point? How does that affect you in your own thinking and work for God? (Job 22:2-3; Psa. 50:9-12; Isa. 44:12-15; Rom. 11:36; Matt. 5:45)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you evangelize differently based on what you have learned from this passage?

“God needs no one, but when faith is present, He works through anyone.”

- A.W. Tozer, *Knowledge of the Holy*