

The New God in Town

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Notes on the text:

Truths about God revealed in Acts 17:

There's a new God in town, and...

- You are already closer to Him than you realize

- He loves showing Himself to all who seek Him

- He desires your faith and total allegiance

- You can join Him every day in His mission to all people
 - o Believe you are placed for a purpose
 - o See with his eyes and feel with his heart
 - o Look for opportunities to dialogue about God, explain the gospel, or persuade with reasons to believe (with clarity, kindness, boldness, patience, and wisdom)
 - o Share not only the gospel but your life as well (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
 - o Leave the outcomes to God

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Read Psalm 1. Most Christians say they don't read the Bible as much as they wish they did or know they should. Is this true of you? What keeps us from reading the Scriptures more?
3. The Bereans examined the Scriptures together collectively. What are the benefits of studying the Bible as a group?
4. Read Acts 17:16 and 1 John 5:21. What idols are calling out to be worshiped in our society today? How can we be sure to keep Jesus on the throne of our hearts?
5. Share about a time when you surrendered something of your heart or life to King Jesus. How did God lead you in this way? What needed to change? How did God work as a result?
6. What can we learn about evangelism from the way Paul engaged the people of Athens?
7. Read Romans 12:1-2. What are some practical ways we can make sure we are critiquing culture rather than just conforming to it? How can we help our children and grandchildren to do this as well?
8. Read Acts 17:24-27. What does Paul teach about God that may have shocked his listeners? What stands out to you about God in this passage?
9. Read Acts 17:29-34. What response does God require of people? What do you learn from the different ways the people of Athens respond to God?
10. What are some ways you can trust God to give you influence in your world? What would it look like for God to make a difference in the world through you this year?

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Read Joshua 1:8-9, Psalm 1, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 9:19-27, 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Watch this documentary on Athens – <https://bit.ly/paulinathens>

Choose a Bible reading plan for 2024 – <https://bit.ly/bibleplans2024>

Read this great resource to better understand and communicate the gospel – <https://bit.ly/gospeldone>

Read about ways we can influence our world – <https://bit.ly/4waysinfluence>

Read about the Bereans – <https://bit.ly/3RWji9t>

Sing to King Jesus and grow in love for him – https://bit.ly/kingjesus_ and <https://bit.ly/kingjesusworship>

