

## Know Your God

Acts 17:22-34

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## Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

### I. The Unknown God. Acts 17:22-25

#### ***What is the Areopagus?***

The purpose of the Greek altar "To the unknown god" was to \_\_\_\_\_ accidentally upsetting any unknown "god" and to miss out on the possible blessing.

- The truth at the foundational level should compel us even more to follow Jesus. Yes, God \_\_\_\_\_ you. But He created you, He loves you, and \_\_\_\_\_ you.

***John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that \_\_\_\_\_ may be full.***

The joy Jesus talks about here cannot be compared to \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. God is not far away. Acts 17:26-28

God has made it possible for us to gain the \_\_\_\_\_, eternal, and \_\_\_\_\_ life in Him.

### III. Wooden "gods" are not God. Acts 17:29-31

If you are truly born again, following Jesus once and for all, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ that you will always belong to Him.

***Revelation 3:5 The one who \_\_\_\_\_ will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.***

### IV. Know your God. Acts 17:32-34

The creator God, the King of our universe, wants to be in a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with you. Knowing who God is and knowing his character is \_\_\_\_\_ to our walk with Jesus.

1. Paul spoke to people who were very religious but did not truly know God. *What are some ways people today seem spiritual but still don't really know the true God?*
2. Paul started by noticing the Athenians' altar to an unknown god. *How can we use what people already believe as a starting point to talk about the true God?*
3. Paul said God made the world and everything in it. *How does knowing God as Creator change the way we see our lives and purpose?*
4. Paul taught that God is not dependent on people, but people depend on Him. *In what ways do we sometimes live as if we are self-sufficient instead of depending on God?*
5. Paul said God placed people in specific times and places so they would seek Him. *How have you seen God use your life circumstances to draw you closer to Him?*
6. Paul warned that God cannot be represented by idols made by human hands. *What are some modern "idols" that can take God's place in our hearts?*
7. Paul said God now commands all people everywhere to repent. *Why is repentance still an important part of truly knowing God, even for mature believers?*
8. Paul spoke about the coming judgment and the resurrection of Jesus. *How does knowing that Jesus rose from the dead strengthen your confidence in God?*
9. Some people mocked Paul, some delayed, and some believed. *How have you personally seen these different responses when sharing your faith?*
10. The main theme is "Know Your God." *What does it truly mean to know God—not just know about Him—and how can we grow deeper in that knowledge?*