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Series: "We Speak Jesus"

Sermon: "The Gospel in a Pluralistic World" Part 2

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Memory Verse: Acts 17:30

Introduction

- A. Acts is the unfolding story of the people of God, filled with the Spirit of God, engaging in the mission of God.
- B. Our Mission Statement: We exist to glorify God by making disciples through the gospel, in community, on mission.
- C. How are we to stand for the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a pluralistic world?
- D. Pluralism—the belief that all religions are helpful and are simply different ways of getting to God. No one religion is superior to any other religion.
- E. Big Idea: We are to stand for the truth of the gospel in our pluralistic world by seeing the world through the lens of the gospel, feeling both irritation and compassion, going where lost people are, and by speaking the gospel truth.

I. We Need to See the World through the Lens of the Gospel (17:16)

- A. Worldview—a comprehensive view of life through which we think, understand, and judge, and which determines our approach to life, meaning, and decision-making.
- B. Idol—anything we look to give us what only Jesus can give us.

II. We Need to Feel Both Irritation and Compassion (17:16)

III. We Need to Go Where Lost People Are (17:17-18)

IV. We Need to Speak the Gospel Truth (17:19-34)

- A. God is Creator (17:24).
- B. God is the sustainer of life (17:25).
- C. God is the ruler of the nations (17:26).
- D. God is knowable (17:27).
- E. God is the Creator of humanity (17:28-29).
- F. God is both the Judge and the Redeemer (17:30-31).

Conclusion

- A. Acts 17:32-34. Some mocked. Some wanted to learn more. Some believed.
- B. We should expect these same results when we speak Jesus today.
- B. Faithfulness to the gospel is the biggest measure of success.
- C. With whom will you speak Jesus?
- D. The Gospel Definition