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## “Gospel Proclamation”

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Memory Verse: Matthew 4:17

### Introduction

- A. The Gospel Definition
- B. Mission Statement: We exist to glorify God by making disciples through the gospel, in community, ON MISSION.
- C. Big Idea: Every Christian is commanded to proclaim the gospel to others.
- D. But how are we to stand for the truth of the gospel in a pluralistic world?
- E. We can learn from Paul how to proclaim the gospel in a pluralistic world.

### I. Gospel Proclamation Is Persuasive (17:16-21)

- A. We need to look at our surroundings through the lens of the Christian worldview.
- B. An idol is anything we look to give us what only Jesus can give us.
- C. We ought to be provoked by idols and sinful things. What sinful things provoke you?
- D. “Reasoned”—dialogued, discussed
- E. “Babbler”—seed picker
- F. “Preacher”—to herald, to announce
- G. We should seek to persuade people to trust in Christ.

### II. Gospel Proclamation Is Evangelistic (17:22-31)

- A. God is sovereign over all creation (17:22-29)
  - 1. God is Creator (17:24)
  - 2. God is self-existent (17:24b-25)
  - 3. God is sovereign over all peoples (17:26)
  - 4. God is not like our self-made gods (17:27-29)
- B. Repentance is necessary (17:30)
  - 1. Repentance is a change of thinking that leads to a change of living.
  - 2. “True repentance is the result of an accurate understanding of the significance and gravity of sin coupled with an overwhelming desire for the remission of that sin through the person and work of Christ in turning from sin and dead works to faith and obedience” (Voddie Baucham).
  - 3. “Repentance is the vomit of the soul” (Thomas Brooks).
  - 4. Matthew 3:2
  - 5. Matthew 4:17
  - 6. Luke 13:3
  - 7. Repentance is necessary, not optional.
- C. Judgment is certain (17:31)
  - 1. Hebrews 9:27

2. "According to the concordance, there are more references in Scripture to the anger, fury, and wrath of God than there are to his love and tenderness" (A. W. Pink).
3. Matthew 25:41, 46
4. Mark 9:47-48
5. The resurrection of Jesus is good news for the saved and bad news for the lost.

### III. Gospel Proclamation Is Divisive (17:32-34)

- A. Everyone did not believe.
- B. Faithfulness to the gospel is the biggest measure of success.

### Conclusion

- A. Christian—are you equipped to proclaim the gospel? Who is one person you will proclaim the gospel to this week?
- B. Non-Christian—repent of your sin and call out to Christ to save you.
- C. The Gospel Definition