

Harvest: Taking The Gospel To Every Arena!

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Harvest Pt. 2

Three Things You Need To Share Your Faith:

-Be **CERTAIN** About What You Believe

-Be **AWARE** Of What Others Believe

-Be **PREPARED** To Share Your Faith

Acts 17:16, *While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the **synagogue** with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the **marketplace** day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and brought him to a **meeting of the Areopagus**, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears...*

Three Places To Share Your Faith:

-In The Place Of **WORSHIP**

-In The **MARKETPLACE**

-At The Local **THINK-TANK**

Acts 17:22, *Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.*

23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: **to an unknown god**. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. 24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of Heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else... 27 **God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us.** 28 ‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’ 29 “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. **He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.**”

Three Points To Paul’s Message:

-He Started With The WHAT THEY KNEW

-He Described God As Both CREATOR AND PERSONAL

-He Pointed Out The PROOFS OF THE GOSPEL

Acts 17:32, When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, **some of them sneered**, but others said, **“We want to hear you again on this subject.”** 33 At that, Paul left the Council. 34 **Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed.**

Three Responses People Had To The Gospel:

-Some Laughed And REJECTED The Gospel

-Some Were OPEN MINDED

-Some FOLLOWED And BELIEVED

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