

A Mars Hill Message - Reaching the Unchurched Text - Acts 17:16-33

- I. Witness of the Gospel: From Jerusalem to Judea (1-7)
- II. Witness of the Gospel: From Judea to Samaria (8-12)
 - A. The Gospel's Power in Individual Lives
 1. Simon the Sorcerer - The Gospel's Power over Darkness (8:4-24)
 2. The Ethiopian Official - The Gospel's Power in the Wilderness.
 3. Saul - The Gospel's Power over Enemies.
 - B. The Gospel's Power toward the Gentiles (Peter's Ministry 9:32-11:18)
 1. Peter's Healing - God helps all types (9:32-43).
 2. Peter's Vision - God loves and offers to save all (10:1-43)
 3. Gentiles receive God's Indwelling Spirit (10:44-48)
 4. Peter's Report to Jerusalem (11:1-18)
- III. Witness of the Gospel: To the Uttermost Part of the Earth (13-28).

A. The Gospel to the World: Church Planting Trip #1 (Into Asia 13:1-14:28).

B. What to do with the world and the Gospel: Jerusalem Counsel (Back in Jerusalem 14:24-15:35)

C. The Gospel to the World: Church Planting Trip #2 (Into Macedonia 15:36-18:22).

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D. The Gospel to the World: Church Planting Trip #3 (Back into Macedonia 18:23-21:3).

E. The Gospel to the World: Planting from Prison Trip #4 (Unto Rome 21:4-2-28:31)

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Acts 17:16–18:2 (ESV)

I. The Necessary _____ for Reaching a City or Person with the Gospel

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

II. The Necessary _____ to Reaching a City or Person with the Gospel

A. Consistent Gospel _____

¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

B. Careful Gospel _____

1. Understanding the _____

¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?”

²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.”

²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

2. Delivering The _____

a. Identify with hearers:

- Use Common _____

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

- Use A Common _____

²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

b. Point to _____

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²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

²⁸for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.



³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

- Giver of _____

³²Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”

³³So Paul went out from their midst.

³⁴But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.