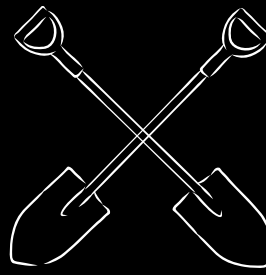


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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND 
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

“Knowing God”
ACTS 17:1-34 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

There is a difference between knowing about God and truly knowing Him for who He has revealed Himself to be. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called “Full Send,” Pastor Tim teaches a message from Acts Chapter 17 entitled “Knowing God” that includes 5 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

Know God...

- 1) Through the Scriptures
- 2) Not as the god of your imagination
- 3) As Creator and Lord
- 4) As near and personal
- 5) Through Jesus, and respond

We hope this message encourages you to search the Scriptures, know God according to His truth, and respond to the risen Jesus with repentance, faith, and a life fully surrendered to Him.

KEY VERSE:

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)



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Text: Acts 17:1-4; Acts 17:10-12

Cross-References: Psalm 119:105; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; John 5:39-40

Discuss: What does Acts 17 reveal about the way Paul used Scripture when teaching others about Jesus? Why was it important that Paul reasoned with people from the Scriptures rather than simply giving his own opinions? What does the response of the Bereans in Acts 17:10-12 teach us about how believers should evaluate what they are taught?

Text: Acts 17:16-23

Cross-References: Exodus 20:3-4; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 44:9-20; John 14:6-7; Colossians 1:15-17

Discuss: What does Acts 17:16-23 reveal about the Athenians' desire to worship while not truly knowing the God they worshiped? Why is it dangerous to create a version of God based on our own preferences, assumptions, or desires? How does Scripture distinguish between knowing about God and actually knowing God? What does Jesus say in John 14:6-7 about knowing the Father through Him?

Text: Acts 17:24-25

Cross-References: Genesis 2:7; Job 12:10; Psalm 139:13-16; Colossians 1:16-17; James 1:17

Discuss: Acts 17:25 says that God gives “to all life, breath and all things.” What does this reveal about humanity's dependence upon God? How does the biblical doctrine of creation challenge the idea that our lives ultimately belong to ourselves? What does Psalm 139:13-16 teach about God's involvement in our existence?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 17:26-28

Cross-References: Deuteronomy 4:7; Psalm 139:1-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; James 4:8; Matthew 28:20

Discuss: What does Paul mean when he says that God is “not far from each one of us”? How does Acts 17:26-28 present both God's sovereignty over humanity and His desire for people to seek Him? What does Psalm 139 reveal about how completely God knows us? How should knowing that God already knows us affect our willingness to draw near to Him? Why is the nearness of God both comforting and convicting?

REFLECTIONS

- 1) Does my life demonstrate that I truly know God, or have I become more comfortable knowing about God through sermons, Bible studies, and Christian content without allowing that knowledge to transform the way I live?
- 2) Am I allowing Scripture to define who God is, or have I unconsciously created a version of God who agrees with my preferences, excuses my sin, affirms my desires, and never challenges me?
- 3) When was the last time Scripture actually changed my mind about something? If I cannot identify an example, have I become a hearer of God's Word without truly allowing it to correct me?

