



LIVING A GOSPEL LIFESTYLE

Acts 17:16-34

Running through the forest
Dive into the lake
Bare feet on beaches white
Standing in the canyon
Painted hills around
The wind against my skin
Every ocean, every sea
Every river, every stream
Every mountain, every tree
Every blade of grass will sing





What if we began living a
“gospel-lifestyle” vs. “going
out and sharing the Gospel?”

Acts 17:16-34

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

Acts 17:16

Provoked

to irritate, to despise, make angry, to burn with anger, to become heartbroken.

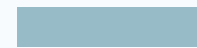
"So he reasoned in the synagogues with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there."

Acts 17:17

dialegomai

DEBATE

(DEE-A-LEGO-MI)



means to discuss, ponder, mingle thought with
thought, to converse, share truth with.

1. He was burdened for this city and its people (vs. 16)

2. He spent time building relationships and engaging in conversation; engaging in their lives. He spoke **DAILY** in the public square (vs.17)



“As Christians, we are
in the people business,
not the project
business”

jackie hill-perry



"Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers
also conversed with him..."

Acts 17:18

“This place was the location where the judges convened who had jurisdiction of capital offenses. The court itself was called Areopagus from the place where it sat. To that hill the apostle Paul was not led to defend himself before judges, but that he might set forth his opinions on divine subjects to a greater multitude of people, flocking together there and eager to hear something new.”

-Strong's Dictionary



HUMANISCHE
SAPISWISDIE

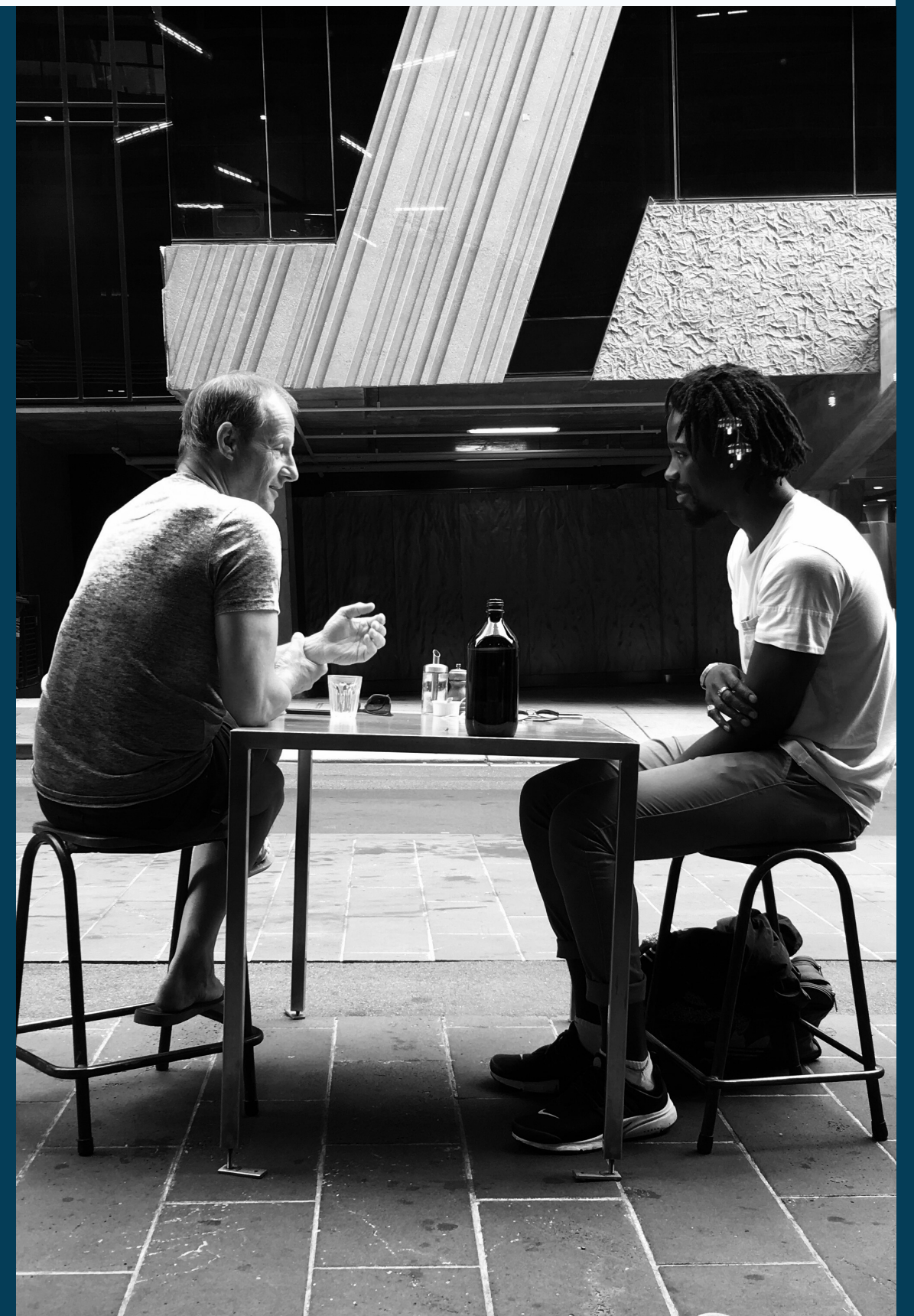
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1. This “unknown God” you’re worshipping, you CAN know him (v. 23)
 2. He isn’t confined to man-made temples (v. 24)
 3. He is the ultimate giver of life, including mankind (v. 25-26)
 4. We are created in the image of God made for relationship with God (v. 26-28)
 5. God is calling us to repent of our sins because of Christ’s death and resurrection (v. 29-31)
 6. There is judgement coming (v. 31)
 7. In Christ, there is victory over judgement (v. 31)

1. Paul uses his knowledge of the culture to present his case to the Council

2. He communicates the Gospel in a way that is understandable and relatable to the people.





64%
of people believe that
God exists

Gallup, 2019

<50%

believe that a God is actively
involved in their lives on some
sort of personal level

PEW Research, 2018



“...Yet he (*God*) is actually not far from each one of us” (v. 27) And that it’s because of “a man whom he has appointed” (v. 31) (*Jesus*), in him conquering the grave (v. 31) that we can actually know God!

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1. Is Paul ever shy about sharing the Gospel?
 2. Is Paul typically a bold guy or a reserved guy?
 3. How can he preach the resurrection without the cross?
 4. This account was more of an overview, not all inclusive.

"Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them."

Acts 17:32-34

“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”

Acts 20:24

“How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without some preaching?”

Romans 10:14

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- 5. Simply be obedient to the call to share the gospel. Leave the rest up to God.**

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9-13

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,”

John 1:12

Who might God be calling you to share the Gospel
message with?

Who is God breaking your heart for?

Who are those around you who are in need of
hope?

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a **living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice...”

1 Peter 1:3-6

Let's make sharing the gospel
a lifestyle, instead of a task on
our to-do list.