

Share Your Hope: God is Holy
Acts 17:16-33

“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” (Mark 1:17 [ESV](#))

Main Idea: God is the Gospel. We proclaim the Gospel when we talk about God. So the more we know about God, the more we have to say about the Gospel.

Truth: God places us in our location for the express purpose of bringing the Gospel through us to people who live around us. This labor is central to who we are as followers of Jesus.

Truth: People who follow Jesus do not isolate, but personally engage with those who have beliefs that are contrary to the Gospel.

“The ultimate good of the gospel is seeing and savoring the beauty and value of God . . . The ultimate aim of the gospel is the display of God’s glory and the removal of every obstacle to our seeing it and savoring it as our highest treasure. “Behold Your God!” is the most gracious command and the best gift of the gospel.” John Piper

Ten Qualities of the God Who Is

Quality #1: God makes Himself known.

Application: Tell others how God made Himself known to everyone through the world that He created and through the Book that He wrote.

Quality #2: God made everything.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.” (Psalm 19:1-4 [ESV](#))

Truth: What we believe about God as Creator sets the baseline for everything else we know about God. If we accept Him as our Creator, we will find it easy accept every other truth about Him.

Application: Witness by giving voice to the connection between the creation we see and the Creator whom we do not see.

Quality #3: God is Lord of all.

Quality #4: God is independent.

Truth: The Gospel tells us WHO GOD IS NOT as well as WHO GOD IS. Because man makes idols, sharing the Gospel requires us to confront false ideas that people have about God.

Quality #5: God is the giver of every good gift.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” (James 1:16-17 [ESV](#))

Truth: Sharing the Gospel means that we share that God is good and that He gives good gifts to man.

Quality #6: God determines what happens here.

Quality #7: God is not far from anyone.

Quality #8: God commands everyone to repent.

Quality #9: God appoints a Day of Judgment.

Truth: We fish for men when we tell them about the Day of Judgment.

Quality #10: God sent His Son to deliver us from death and to give us life.

Truth: We fish for men when we tell them that Jesus came to die on the cross for our sins and that He rose from the grave to give us life.

Truth: To fish for men simply means that we say something true about God that others do not know and need to know!

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” (Habakkuk 2:14 [ESV](#))