



## The Good News we Need

The question today: Sharing the good news in a society that believes there are \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Many Christians view Christianity as a way for God to help them accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ agenda.

...but...

Christianity is the call to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives around \_\_\_\_\_ agenda.

## Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Paul was “greatly distressed” because of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Athens.

- Roman society was a \_\_\_\_\_ society.
- “Believe in your god, just don’t claim your god is superior.”

### How Paul responds:

He \_\_\_\_\_ their quest and \_\_\_\_\_ their idols.

- Both are necessary.

“If you are only indignant or only compassionate, you’ll never change anyone’s life.” –Tim Keller

Affirming what we can affirm helps us find \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 22)

He doesn’t stop with affirmation, but challenges their idols. (vs. 23)

- Even they recognized their worship was \_\_\_\_\_.

We are just as \_\_\_\_\_ today.

- \_\_\_\_\_% of Americans believe in God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of Americans pray every day.

We believe in the God we \_\_\_\_\_ to believe in!

- Like idols, our god is \_\_\_\_\_ in our image.

Creating our own god is \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul’s answer: \_\_\_\_\_!

The evidence for Christianity is not a perfect life, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (vs. 31)

### Takeaways:

1. Listen for people who have lost their spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Always want the \_\_\_\_\_ for people.
3. Find \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Don’t be afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs.
5. Make sure the path leads to \_\_\_\_\_.