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make disciples who make disciples

Reach Out, Don't Freak Out!

Get _____ !

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there (Acts 17:16-17).

- ★ The lies that hold people captive should _____ us.
- ★ We must _____ instead of _____.

Connect with the _____ as quickly as you can.

A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you" (Acts 17:18-23).

- ★ Pray and think about how to bring God up in the most _____ way possible.
- ★ _____ them about what they have right.
 - Find the common ground when you can.
 - Remember it's not about winning an _____, but a _____.

Share the _____ story of the Gospel in a way they can understand.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:24-31).

★ Tell all four parts of the story

- C _____ (Answers the question: How did we get here?)

God created us to be with him.

- F _____ (Answers the question: What went wrong?)

Our sin separates us from God.
Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

- R _____ (Answers the question: How are things made right?)

Paying the price for sin Jesus died and rose again.
Everyone who trusts in him alone has eternal life.

- C _____ (Answers the question: What happens in the end?)

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

★ Tell the story in a way that they can _____ to personally

"As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring'" (Acts 17:28).

- Quote the _____ right along with Scripture!
- Find _____ analogies when possible.

Expect very different _____ when you share the Gospel.

When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." At that, Paul left the Council. A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others (Acts 17:32-34).

- ★ Some will reject the Gospel outright and mock you...be _____ .
- ★ Some will be intrigued and want to find out more...be _____ .
- ★ Others will trust in Christ right away...be _____ .