

Personal Application and Conversations

1. When was the last time you talked about the Lord to someone you thought might be outside the family of God? How do you think it went?
2. How do you recognize and react to countless counterfeit gods widely dispersed throughout our lives and culture?
3. Recall a recent time when you reasoned with someone about their faith. What did that look like?
4. How do you recognize the opportunities God gives you to speak to others about the gospel?
5. How do you clarify the importance of “the moment” to respond to Jesus?
6. What kind of results do you expect from times when you talk to people about the greatness of God in Christ?



Opportunity Knocks

Acts 17:16-34

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How do you recognize opportunities to talk with people about the Lord? Where do you start a conversation? How do you know what to say? Who among us does God use to encourage people to seek Him?

The apostle Paul had a very special opportunity to reason with an intellectual crowd about Jesus. Marilyn and I were given a chance last week to be in that very place where he spoke about the “unknown God” for whom they even had a statue in Athens, Greece. I took the moment to read his words about Jesus Christ in that place, and it helped me clarify some things in my own heart and maybe also for the souls of those who heard my voice that day.

So, are you ready to *reason with the opposition*?

Be distressed by counterfeits (17:16)

Reason with the opposition (17:17-29)

Clarify the moment (17:30-31)

Expect results (17:32-34; 1 Cor. 2:1-5)