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## Gospel Connections & Gospel Nuggets

### SHARING YOUR FAITH

#### GOSPEL CONNECTIONS IN CULTURE

- Paul used the culture's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Acts 17:22-23 “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.”

#### Questions to Consider

- What are the dominant religious symbols in our culture? What are the dominant religious beliefs?
  - How do these symbols/beliefs agree with Christianity? How do they express a human desire?
  - Where do these symbols/beliefs diverge from Christianity? How does Christianity offer an alternative answer?
  - “What do you believe about \_\_\_\_\_?” (Humanity; sin; guidance; love/romance; career/purpose; family; etc.)
  - “What can we as a people/city/nation hope in?”
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- Paul used the culture's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - Acts 17:27-28 “Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

#### Questions to Consider

- What shows, movies, books, genres, etc. are popular today? What messages do these convey?
- What does our culture celebrate or aspire to?
- “What shows/movies/books are you consuming? What do you like about them?”
- “What podcasts do you like? Why do you like them?”

**\*What are Gospel Connections you can make with the people around you?**

## GOSPEL NUGGETS IN RELATIONSHIP

- Gospel Nuggets drop \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_
  - Acts 17:29-30 “Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent”
  - Acts 17:32 “Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’”

### Questions to Consider

- How does the Gospel call us to live differently than those around us?
  - How does the Gospel call us to a higher beauty or aspiration?
  - How can we express these truths in succinct, “nugget” statements to be ready to share when the appropriate time/topic arises (cf. 1 Peter 3:15)
- Gospel Nuggets happen in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
    - Acts 17:17 “he reasoned... every day with those who happened to be there.”
    - “Friendship Evangelism” vs. “Evangelism as Friendship”

### Questions to Consider

- Who are the non-believers in my *oikos* I can pursue relationships with?
- What has prevented me from sharing my whole self (faith, Jesus, hope, etc.) in friendships?
- How has Jesus deeply changed my life? How can I prepare to share that with my friends (in “Gospel Nuggets,” conversation, or daily life)?
- How can I seek to know more about my friends’ beliefs? (Family, career, purpose, love/romance)

**\*What are some Gospel Nuggets you can prepare to share when talking with others?**

**\*How can you share your life more deeply and intentionally with your non-believing *oikos* (friends/family)?**