



October 29th, 2017: HELP AVAILABLE

OPENING

- What was your first job like? Describe a way that reality didn't match your expectations in one of your jobs.
- What are some disappointments you've experienced because of high expectations?
- Describe a time when you felt like God did not meet your expectation of him.

DISCUSS & APPLY

[Read Acts 17:1-31](#)

- Do you think most people today are religious/spiritual? In what ways do people today worship "an unknown god?" Describe a time or manner in which God seemed mysterious to you.
- Which do you think is easier: to say that God needs our help or to say that we need God's help? What are some reasons it can be difficult to accept help from God?
- Have you ever felt like you needed to repay God for how he has saved you?
- How do you think God feels when you fail? How would knowing that God wants more for us than from us allow us to grow?
- Sometimes God lets us struggle with something for a long time in order to help us realize that we need his help. What is an area of your life where you need God's help?
- What are some practical steps you can take this week to trust that God wants to help you in this area of your life?

FINAL APPLICATION

Paul spoke with the Athenians about their altar to "an unknown god" before he talked to them about Jesus. In light of this, what can we learn about the best way to talk to people about Christianity? What should the starting point of our conversation be? Why is it important that we seek to understand before being understood when it comes to talking to people about Jesus?

What are some practical steps you can take to meet people where they are this week?