

**Unknown God**  
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- Share briefly about how you came to a personal relationship with God
- Have you ever felt like it was difficult to know God?
- How would you explain God to someone who has never heard of God?

Read Acts 17:22-31.

**3 Things Paul Told the People of Athens**

**1. Religious in Every Way**

- What was the first century religious culture like in Athens?
- What do you think people mean by, “I’m religious” or “I’m a very spiritual person”?
- In your own words, what is religion?
- What do you think people mean by, “I have my faith”?
- What is the difference between being religious or spiritual and being a Christian?
- Is it possible to be religious and yet not know God personally?

Read John 14:6.

- What do you think Jesus meant in this verse?
- How can we explain to someone the difference between religion and relationship?
- Where can we tell them to start?

**2. Ignorance is No Excuse**

- Why did the Athenians have an altar built in honor of the “Unknown God”?
- Why had they invited Paul to speak at the Areopagus?
- What was the difference between the Greek gods of Olympus and Paul’s description of the “Unknown God”?
- What does God need from us in order to be God?
- How does God make himself known to the person who has never heard the gospel?

Read Psalm 19:1.

- Why do you think God has chosen to make himself known to mankind?

Read 1 John 5:20.

- Share some of the ways that we can know God

Read James 4:8.

- What do you think God will say to the one who wants to use ignorance as an excuse?

### **3. Wrestle It Out**

- Share an instance when you got in a fight with a sibling
- How did that fight affect your relationship?
- How do you think Esau felt toward Jacob after his birthright was stolen from him?
- Genesis 32 says that Jacob wrestled with God, how is it possible that Jacob didn't realize he was wrestling with God?
- What was the significance of this wrestling match?
- Why did Jacob ask God to bless him?

Read Genesis 32:28.

- What was the importance of Jacob's new name?
- What would you say to the person who has been wrestling with God?
- What good can come out of it?
- What has God done to prove to us that He wants to be known by you?

Read and reflect on Revelation 3:20.