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Sunday, October 4, 2009

“DO ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD?”

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In North Texas, we have people we know and have relationships with who have a radically different view of God, life, and eternity. They live, go to school, and work around us. Our culture has come to tell us that these faith systems are really all the same. Are all religions really just different paths up the same spiritual mountain?

1. God is _____ of the universe (v. 24).

2. God is _____ of life (v. 25).

3. God is _____ of the nations of the world (v. 26-30).

4. God is the _____ of the world (v. 30-31).

What was Paul’s Approach?

1. Paul stepped into the Athenians’ _____.

2. Paul affirmed the Athenians’ _____.

3. Paul constructs his _____.

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1. God is Creator of the universe (v. 24).

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1, NIV).

2. God is Sustainer of life (v. 25).

“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together” (Psalm 34:3, KJV).

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31, NIV).

3. God is Ruler and Father of the nations of the world (v. 26-30).

4. God is the Judge of the world (v. 30-31).

“And though the LORD has sent all his servants the prophets to you again and again, you have not listened or paid any attention” (Jeremiah 25:4, NIV).

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son” (Hebrews 1:1-2, NIV).

“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known” (John 1:18, NIV).

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God” (1 Peter 3:18, NIV).

1. Paul stepped into the Athenians' world.

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2. Paul affirmed the Athenians' spiritual search.

3. Paul constructs his bridge to Jesus.

“When they heard Paul speak of the resurrection of a person who had been dead, some laughed, but others said, “We want to hear more about this later.” That ended Paul's discussion with them, but some joined him and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the Council, a woman named Damaris, and others” (Acts 17:32-34, NLT).

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6, NIV).