

Sharing Your Faith in a post-Christian World Acts 17:22-34

How do you share your faith in a post-Christian world?

Commonality (22-23)

Start where they are

Bridge from known to unknown

Be a student of humanity; find out where they itch.

Listen for understanding, not correction.

Develop your “A, B, C’s”

Clarity (23b-31, especially 24-28)

Approach: proclamation vs dialogue

Focus: clearly define who God is

Creator

Originator (source)

Purposeful (with intentionality and intelligence)

Sustainer

At the heart of salvation is who God is!

Selectivity (23b-31, especially 24-28)

Limited content

No Old Testament quotations

⇒ We don’t have to tell everything or answer all objections at once.

⇒ Apologetics are great but not always necessary.

Consequence (29-34)

Logic: if we are God’s offspring, idolatry is out.

Appeal: he calls them to repent

Start with commonality, stay with the gospel.

Avoid the “If I say something I’ll offend them” syndrome

Plant seeds; we can’t guarantee response.

Take it Home