

# Theology: How it Works

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## SERIES OVERVIEW:

*When we talk about theology, a lot of times, it can get very academic or detached from the Christian life. Over the next seven weeks, we want to journey together to help us take the study of God (theology) and ask, "Why do I need to know this?" "What do I need to know about it?" and "What do I do with this?" so that it becomes very practical - out of the clouds and into our homes and lives.*

## MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

**THE GOSPEL IS ALWAYS RELEVANT.**

**THERE IS NEVER A TIME WHEN JESUS IS NOT ALIVE.**

## CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- **Read Acts 17:16-31.** What elements stand out to you from Paul's address. Why?
- Talking about self-made gods can be easy from an outward position but challenging from a personal position. What are some general ways those in our culture (outside or inside the church) create gods that take the focus of our attention/worship? What are ways we can encourage one another to turn back to Jesus when our hearts are misdirected toward other things?
- Brannon mentioned that every world religion must answer five questions:
  1. **What's wrong with the world?**
  2. **How can the wrong be made right?**
  3. **What is my role in the wrong and right?**
  4. **What is God's role in the wrong and right?**
  5. **Where does hope ultimately lie?**

- Have you ever thought about those questions before? How does knowing those questions help you as you make much of Jesus every day to everyone?
- Which world religion explanation was most helpful for you? Why?
- "***The gospel is always relevant.***" In what ways may our hearts have been deceived into despair rather than walking in the living hope of Jesus? Take time to pause as needed, praying with one another and encouraging one another in the hope of Jesus in the reality of the season you, your community, or your proximity is in.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS:**

*As we continue on this journey, we would love to help you in any way we can. If you are wondering what next steps are right for you, please reach out, and we'd love to have a conversation with you or your group about the season you are in and the places Jesus has entrusted to you as you seek to be formed by His Word.*

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