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### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 32

### TURNING THE WORLD RIGHT SIDE UP

Come Over and Help Us: A Story of Changed Communities

(Acts 17:1-15)

#### INTRODUCTION:

#### THE GOSPEL INTO EUROPE:

##### 1. A STORY OF CHANGED \_\_\_\_\_ (ACTS 16:6-10)

"They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia; and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and **the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them...**"

—Acts 16:6-8

- Life and ministry may not unfold the way you planned. Stay **flexible**. Stay **faithful**. Stay **focused**.

##### 2. A STORY OF CHANGED \_\_\_\_\_ (ACTS 16:11-40)

"A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; **and the Lord opened her heart to respond...**"

—Acts 16:14

- God's Grace is **without partiality**.
- True freedom is **found in Christ alone**.
- A Changed life is **worth any cost**.

##### 3. A STORY OF CHANGED \_\_\_\_\_ (ACTS 17:1-15)

"Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, **they came to Thessalonica...**"

—Acts 16:14

#### QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A CITY?

##### 1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT THE PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_ :

- If the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ proclaimed,... then \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ can be genuinely \_\_\_\_\_, ... and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ can be radically \_\_\_\_\_."

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

"And **according to Paul's custom**, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence** that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am **proclaiming** to you is the Christ."

—Acts 17:2, 3

"...for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God."

—1 Peter 1:23

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ with it.

1C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Soil:

"And **some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas**, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

—Acts 17:4

"Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, **for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily** to see whether these things were so."

—Acts 17:11

2C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Soil:

"But the Jews, **becoming jealous** and taking along some wicked men from the market place, **formed a mob and set the city in an uproar...**"

—Acts 17:5-9

"But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, **they came there as well, agitating and stirring up the crowds.**"

—Acts 17:13

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground**: for it is time to seek the LORD,..."

—Hosea 10:12, 13

2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT WE SHOULD \_\_\_\_\_ :

1B. Proclaim the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ .

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