



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on June 18th, 2023

Acts 17:1-14 (NASB)

17 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And according to Paul's custom, he visited them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a significant number of the leading women. 5 But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the marketplace, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and they attacked the house of Jason and were seeking to bring them out to the people. 6 When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset the world have come here also; 7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. 9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these people 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. 12 Therefore, many of them believed, along with a significant number of prominent Greek women and men. 13 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. 14 Then immediately the brothers sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and Silas and Timothy remained there.

DIGGING DEEPER

Do you enjoy controversy or are you a person of peace?

Did Jesus say anything about his followers encountering controversy or peace?

Read Acts 17:1-4

Who was the last person you “reasoned” with about Jesus? How did it go?

Verse 4 says some Jews, a large number of Greeks, and a significant number of women came to believe. Does anything stand out to you about this?

Read Acts 17:5-9

Why were the Jews jealous? How can we keep from being jealous of the success of others?

What was the claim against Jason and the brothers with him?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Acts 17:10-12

What's different in Berea than in Thessalonica?

When you hear scripture spoken, do you examine if what is being said is true? Why or Why not?

Read Acts 17:13-15

Trouble follows Paul. Why is the message of Jesus so controversial?

How can your group be more like the believers in Berea who examined scripture?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

