

Uncompromising the Gospel

Series: Current (message 2) **Date:** February 18/9, 2020

Intro:

Acts 17:1-15

The Gospel doesn't change, places do.

Explaining and proving (#2 & #3 of 6 key words for Paul's evangelism)

Luke 24:32

The Gospel doesn't change, hearers do.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Hebrews 13:15

Proclaim (key word #4)

Persuaded and joined (key words #5 & #6)

The Gospel doesn't change, WE DO.

The Gospel doesn't change because it is not obsolete; it is absolute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heart & Soul Valentine's Dinner Show – Friday, February 14 from 6:30-8:30pm

Don't try to fight the crowds for Valentine's Day—enjoy a fun evening out with a catered dinner of chicken or steak fajitas (plus more) as well as live music from the 60s, 70s, and some modern favorites too. Text the keyword FEB14 to 951-382-5111 to purchase tickets and attend as a group.

Baptisms – February 15/16

If someone in your group is interested in this next step, text BAPTISM to 951-382-5111 or let Brent know (BBranchaud@olive-branch.org).

RECAP THE SERMON

Discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out to you?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what areas of your life does opposition cause you to try harder rather than calling it quits?
2. **Read Acts 17:1-3.** Why do you think Paul and Silas—after being mistreated, jailed, and asked to leave Philippi for teaching people about Christ—passed through two other towns in favor of stopping in Thessalonica (17:1)?
3. **Read Acts 17:5-9.** What accusations were made against Christians in Thessalonica? Should we expect to face resistance when we share the gospel with others? Why or why not?
4. When it comes to sharing your faith with others, does opposition cause you to persevere and keep sharing or to quit (or be more reluctant to share)? Why?
5. **Read Acts 17:10-14.** What characterized the Bereans' response to the gospel message that Paul shared with them? How do you think Paul felt about the eagerness of the Bereans, especially in light of the trouble he had received from the Thessalonians?
6. How can we as believers best respond when we are falsely accused or mistreated on account of our faith? How can we keep from becoming discouraged when we face hostility from those who oppose the message of Jesus?

MEMORIZE

*“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” **Acts 17:11 ESV***

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Acts 17:16-34. What stood out to you from this passage? What questions did you have about what you read?