



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Being a Berean – Testing What You Hear

Speaker: Pastor Alan Brooks

Message Title: “Be a Berean”

Key Passage: Acts 17:10–12

Other Passages: Isaiah 40:8; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Hebrews 4:12

Highlighted Scriptures

“Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” – Acts 17:11

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.” – Isaiah 40:8

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...” – 2 Timothy 3:16–17

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...” – Hebrews 4:12

Main Message

Sayings like “God helps those who help themselves” or “money is the root of all evil” sound biblical, but they’re not found in Scripture. Many traditions and ideas passed down through culture or church history can be inaccurate if we don’t test them.

The Bereans were different. They didn't blindly accept what they were taught — even from Paul. Instead, they listened eagerly, and then searched the Scriptures daily to confirm the truth.

God calls all believers to approach His Word with the same diligence. Scripture alone is the final authority, and it is inspired, alive, and sufficient to guide our lives (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Our goal is not to edit or water down the truth, but to receive it, live it, and share it faithfully.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How were the Bereans different from the Thessalonians? (Acts 17:11)**
- 2. How did the Bereans interact with Paul's message? (Acts 17:11)**
- 3. How should all Christians interact with what they are taught about the Bible?**
- 4. Why is it important for Christians to stick with what the Bible says and not go off script?**
- 5. How can you make time to study the Bible every day this week?**

Key Takeaways

- The Bereans were noble because they tested everything against the Word of God.**
- The Bible is the final and unchanging authority on truth.**
- It is dangerous to repeat or believe teachings that are not actually in Scripture.**
- God's Word is powerful, eternal, and meant to be studied — not just heard.**
- As messengers, we must speak God's truth as it is, not as we wish it to be.**

Reflection Activity

Choose one of the following verses to memorize this week:

- Acts 17:11 – “They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily...”**
- Isaiah 40:8 – “The word of our God shall stand forever.”**
Write it somewhere visible, speak it aloud daily, and let it shape how

you approach truth.



Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me to be like the Bereans — eager to receive Your Word, and careful to test everything I hear. Teach me to search the Scriptures daily and rely on Your truth alone. Guard my heart from false ideas and help me share Your Word faithfully. In Jesus' name, Amen.