

# **GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

# WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023 | SUMMER ROAD TRIP: TRAVEL TOGETHER

#### WARM-UP QUESTION

What is your go-to road trip snack?

#### DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read <u>Acts 17:1-4</u>

- What was Paul and Silas's mission as they traveled from town to town?
- Read <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>. How do Jesus' words inform us of the mission all Christ-followers have been called to?
- What challenges you most about the Great Commission found at the end of Matthew 28?
- How would you describe the way that Paul taught at the Jewish synagogue?
- What led to some of the people believing that Jesus is the Messiah?
- How can you use Scripture to share the gospel with others? What passages could you read with someone you are discipling?

### Read <u>Acts 17:5-9</u>

- Why do you think some of the Jews who listened to Paul became jealous?
- In what ways did Paul and Silas's message challenge the social, cultural, and religious norms of the time?
- Have you ever experienced any push back when you've expressed your faith in the past?
- How can we respond in the face of opposition or resistance when we share our faith?

#### Read Acts 17:10-15

- How were the people of Berea different than the people of Thessalonica?
- The people searched the scriptures to discern what Paul was saying. What wisdom do you see in this?
- Do you go to the Bible for understanding or do you tend to rely on secondary sources like Christian bloggers, pastors, or podcasts?
- How did Paul's community support him as he traveled and preached?
- What kind of encouragement do you need from other believers? How can you support other believers in your life?

## RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.