

One Anothering: Searching the Scriptures

Acts 17:10-15

The background of the slide features a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a body of water. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a group of people are visible, some with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The overall mood is one of spiritual joy and community.



Acts 17:10-15

Act 17:10 The brethren 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 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 number of prominent Greek women and men.



Acts 17:10-15

Act 17:13 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 brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 Now those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they left.

Macedonia So Far...

- God called Paul and Silas into trials
- God used the trials in Philippi
 - To reach a Jailor and his family
 - To embolden Paul and Silas to preach
- God used the trials in Thessalonica
 - To set an example for the Thessalonians
 - To enhance fellowship



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Here In Berea

- Paul and Silas continue in their mission
- They are undaunted/encouraged by trials
- They continue pursuing God's mission
- They continue appeal to Jew & Gentile
- Encouraging each other - God called work
- Remembering the call they have received

Noble Minded Bereans

- The Jews of Berea more noble-minded
- Not rejecting examination out-of-hand
- Examining for themselves the truth
- Daily examination - not just on the Sabbaths
- If this is the only scripture you read all week...

How to Read the Bible

- Daily. Often.
- Context!
 - Passage: what comes before and after the verse?
 - Audience: what did it mean to its first recipients?
 - Temporal: when was this written?
 - Biblical: what *e/se* does scripture say about ____?
 - Let scripture interpret scripture!

How to Read the Bible

- Prayerfully Psalm 119:11
- Together
- Out loud
- In a version that you will read
- More literal translation = better
- With a pen, a plan, chronological, the whole thing!

The Power of Scripture

- When read honestly it changes readers
- Because of their willingness to seek truth
- Because of their studies they believed
- They knew it was true for themselves!
- Many believed both Jew and Greek
- Thessalonians hear & break up the party
- Services to Paul and Silas – believe and do!

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ACTS 17:11