



Episode 9: Reasoned to the Heart

Acts Chapters 17 & 18

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: Acts Chapter 16 & 17

1. Identify the differences between the events in Thessalonica and Berea. (17:1-15)
2. How long was Paul in Corinth and why was he able to be there that amount of time? (18:1-11)

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. Paul preached three weekends in Thessalonica (3 sabbaths) before he was driven out of town. Take a moment to read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 which is Paul reflecting on those few weeks. What elements of the Christian faith do you wish someone would have “exhorted, encouraged, and implored” (vs 11) you in your earliest walk with Christ?
- 3-4. It is common in Christian circles to say if someone does a good job studying the Bible they are being “Berean”, based on Acts 17:10-12. What does your own habit or method of “examining the Scriptures daily” look like? What ways can you help each other grow in this?
- 4-5. As Paul was in Athens his “spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols.” (Acts 17:16). For purposes of this discussion we’ll define idolatry as “the expectation of something or someone to provide what only God provides”. Where do you see idolatry today, and how do you guard your own heart against participating in idolatry?
- 5-6. Aquila & Priscilla were not initially introduced as believers but rather as Jews (18:2). Therefore, Paul’s early time with them was most likely evangelistic. How does your faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ get brought into normal living in your place of work?
- 6-7. Even though Apollos was “teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus”, he still needed Aquila and Priscilla to “explain to him the way of God more accurately.” (Acts 18:25-26) Discuss some areas in your Christian walk where you were corrected in what you believed.

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Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7-8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984) and the *Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998)