

The Heart of the Matter

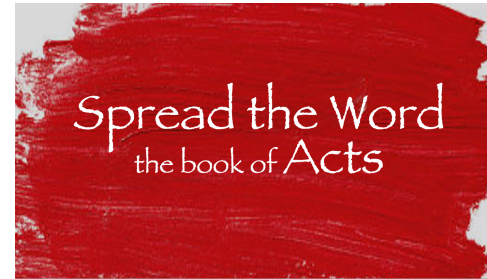
12. When has your faith run into conflict with our government or our laws?

13. What would you need to do to become more of a Berean in how you approach the Scriptures?

14. How do you respond when you face opposition concerning your faith in Christ?

15. Paul and Silas refuse to quit as they go from city to city proclaiming the Gospel. What needs to change in your life for you to be just as tenacious in proclaiming the Gospel as urgently as they did?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Power of God's Word Acts 17:1-15 For the Week of August 1, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What was something that took you a long time to be persuaded to believe? Who was the person who convinced you the most?
3. What resources have you used to prove something to someone else? Are you a good persuader? Do people usually believe what you have to say or are people often dismissive of your ideas?

Digging Deeper

4. In verse 1, after passing through Amphipolis and Apollonia they came to the capital city of Thessalonica. How were Paul and his companions received there? (1 Thessalonians 1:4-10; 3:1-4)

5. In verses 2-4 what three ways did Paul use to explain who Jesus was? What else could he have done to be more convincing?

6. Paul and Silas spent three sabbaths with the Thessalonians. Over that time what Old Testament scriptures could they have used to prove that Jesus was the Christ?

7. What accusations had Paul encountered previously? (Acts 16:20-21) What accusations were being made in this passage? (V5-7) What was behind all these things that people brought against Paul and his fellow missionaries?

8. Since Paul's conversion, this is the sixth time Paul had been forced to leave a city because of persecution. How would you have responded to such negative responses from the people you were trying to reach? How did Paul respond? (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

9. Compared to the Thessalonians in verses 2-4, how did the Bereans receive the Gospel in verses 11-12? What made the Bereans "more noble" than the Thessalonians?

10. Why is it so important to examine what is taught in the church in light of the Scriptures? What is at stake if we aren't good "Bereans"?

11. What stands out to you more than anything else in this particular passage? Why is it so meaningful to you?