

ACTS

Bible Study

2018-2019



Lesson: 19
Acts 17:1-15

Read this week's scripture and answer the questions below. As you read, consider how these verses fit into what you are seeing or experiencing today. Prepare to share with your small group anything that jumped out at you, confused you, encourage you, challenged or convicted you. Then take some time to read and meditate on the psalm of the week.

1. Take a minute to quiet yourself before the Lord. Read the verses 1-15. See the Journey of Paul continue. What stands out in these passages? Let your observations lead you to prayer.
2. Spend time in verses 1-3. Paul sticks to his pattern, preaching to the Jews first then the Gentiles. We see that Paul reasons from the scriptures. Paul enters into dialogue with the Word as his foundation? What can we learn from Paul's pattern? Let these insights lead you to prayer.
3. Take in verses 4 and 5. Paul's witness produces divergent results. Some receive the gospel with readiness and joy; others resist with anger and upheaval. The gospel proves consequential either way. Does our witness seem consequential? Does it call those around us to decision? Meet the Lord in prayer today, ask for the kind of impact we see in Paul's ministry.
4. Rest in verse 6. "These men who have turned the world upside down." We know that in fact these men were turning the world right side up, and we are called to do the same. Let this charge lead you to prayer today.
5. Read verses 10-12; pay close attention to verse 11. Here we see the Bereans receive the word eagerly (not cynically) and yet the test Paul's teaching by searching the scriptures carefully (not lazily). Belief plus study make for a powerful combination. How does the Berean's example reveal your own posture and discipline? Turn to prayer today; ask for belief and the discipline required to dig in to the word.
6. Take in verse 13. The gospel preached faithfully will bring opposition. We see it in Paul; we see it in the world around us; we expect it but do not fear it. Pray for the persecuted church today and for the flourishing of the gospel.
7. Read verses 14-15. The brothers are scattered. We see something important here. The kingdom never depends on just one man, rather it moves by the power of one true King. Think on the teamwork we see throughout Acts. Christ forms individuals by forming community. Who's on your team? Pray for them today.

Notes/Prayer Request