

## Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: Acts

Scriptures: Acts 17:1-15

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. Acts 17:1-9
  - What was Paul's strategy when he arrived in Thessalonica? What did he do in the synagogue? (v. 1-3)
  - What message did Paul emphasize about Jesus? How did he support his claims?
  - How did the people respond to Paul's teaching? Who believed, and who opposed him? (v. 4-5)
  - What accusations did the angry mob bring against Paul and the believers? (v. 6-7)
  - What do the charges in verse 6 reveal about how outsiders viewed the early Christians?
  - How can we be better equipped to explain from Scripture that Jesus is the Christ? (See 1 Peter 3:15.)
  - What risks or opposition might believers face today for preaching the gospel?
  - Are there areas where fear of opposition hinders your boldness to share your faith?
- Read Vv. Acts 17:10-15
  - What was the immediate response of the Bereans to Paul's teaching? How did it differ from the Thessalonians'? (v. 10-11)
  - What does it mean that they "examined the Scriptures daily"?
  - What was the result of their openness and study of the Word? (v. 12)
  - How did opposition from Thessalonica impact Paul's ministry in Berea? (v. 13-15)
  - What can we learn from the Bereans about how to approach Bible teaching and preaching?
  - Do you regularly test what you hear or read by examining it in Scripture?
  - How can we cultivate a heart and mind that receives the Word eagerly and carefully?

