

“Road Trip: Berea: Wish you were here!”

Acts 17:10-15

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Study Questions designed for you, your family, friends or small group

1. Share a time when you were eager to hear a message? When was that? What was the message?
2. When is it in life that we examine a message carefully (e.g. a love letter, a candidate’s stance on an issue)?
3. Read Acts 17:1-15 and imagine you are Silas, a companion of Paul, being interviewed later about his trip through Macedonia. What are the things that you would point out?
4. What made the Bereans more noble? (verse 11)
5. Why aren’t we more like the Bereans today?
6. Can you think of any teaching today that should be examined?
7. What was the Bereans’ basis for the examination of Paul’s message? (cf verse 11)
8. Describe a time in your life where you had a strong “appetite” for God’s Word. When was that? Or, explain why it’s hard for you to dig into Scripture and study it? As a group try and talk about how to overcome those barriers and list the benefits from being in the Word. (For a clue, look up 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Deuteronomy 32:47).
9. Everywhere Paul goes in Macedonia, (which God definitely led him to (cf 16:7-10), ends up with some crisis. What is the bigger picture here? If God is in control (and He is), what is He up to? How does Paul’s suffering and opposition fit in with God’s plan?
10. What’s hard in your life right now? How might God want to use that in your own walk with Christ? How could He use it to further His mission?

Prayer: Thank God for His Word. Use Psalm 19 as a basis for your prayer. Ask God to increase your appetite for the Word as well as your discipline to study it and by His grace to follow it.

Remember it’s not how many times we go through the Word, it’s how many times the Word goes through us!