

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS ON ACTS 17:1-15

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

1. In verse 4 and in verse 12 Luke highlights the conversion of Gentiles and leading women. Why does Luke highlight this?
2. Verse 5 once again highlights jealousy as the motive for those against the Gospel. In what ways are they jealous? What would this type of jealousy look like today?
3. In verses 6-7 Luke describes the early church as "men who have turned the world upside down". How did the Gospel turn the world upside down then? How does the Gospel still do this today?
4. The difference between Thessalonica and Berea is how they receive the word and examine the Scripture (v. 11). What rhythms or practices do you have for examining the Scripture? How has your response to "the word" (the Gospel) been demonstrated in your life?
5. Courage for Paul meant walking into situations where he knew it was just a matter of time before he experienced some kind of physical pain. While that may not be our experience in our country, what does it look like to be a courageous Christian in America in 2023?
6. The person and message of Jesus are divisive, yet at the same time, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. Read Matthew 10:32-42, Matthew 5:9, and Rom. 12:17-19. How do you think the ideas of these passages (which seems contradictory) work together?

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