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A Reformation in Berea **Acts 17:10-15**

I. The Arrival of the Missionaries into Berea (v. 10)

- A. Paul and Silas come to a _____ place (v. 10a)
[Acts 16:11-12; 16:39-17:1]
- B. Paul and Silas preach the _____ message (v. 10b)
[Acts 13:38-39; 14:14-15; 1 Cor. 2:2; 9:16]

II. The Reception of the Word in Berea (v. 11)

- A. They studied the Scriptures _____ (v. 11a)
[Psa. 119:12, 18, 27, 33-36, 66, 125]
- B. They studied the Scriptures _____ (v. 11b)
[Ezra 7:10; Josh. 1:8; 1 Pet. 3:15]
- C. They studied the Scriptures _____ (v. 11c)
[1 Tim. 4:1-5; 6:2-10; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 1 Jn. 2:18-27; Jn. 10:17]
- D. They studied the Scriptures _____ (v. 11d)
[Acts 2:42-47]

III. The Impact of the Ministry in Berea (vv. 12-15)

- A. Many Jews and Gentiles _____ (v. 12)
[Acts 16:13-15; Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 3:6-7]
- B. The Jews from Thessalonica came to cause _____ (v. 13)
[Acts 16:20-21; 17:6-7; 19:40]
- C. Paul was _____ to Athens (vv. 14-15)
[Acts 16:40; 17:10; 1 Thes. 3:1-2, 6]

TAKE HOME

- Bible study should be done with a _____ heart (1 Pet. 2:1-2)
- Bible study should be _____ and delightful (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:2; 119:97, 165; Matt. 7:7-8)
- Bible study should _____ you from the inside out (1 Tim. 4:13, 15-16; Jms. 1:22)
- Bible study should be something that you _____ with others (Acts 4:20; 2 Tim. 2:2)

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placertachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 17:10. Why did Paul leave Thessalonica? Where is Berea? What do we know about it? What message can we presume Paul preached there? (Acts 13:38-39; 14:14-15; 1 Cor. 2:2; 9:16)

2. Read Acts 17:11a. What does it mean when the text says that the Bereans were more noble? What can we learn from this? (Psa. 119:12, 18, 27, 33-36, 66, 125)

3. Read Acts 17:11b. What does it mean when the text says that the Bereans received the word with all eagerness? What can we learn from this? (Ezra 7:10; Josh. 1:8; 1 Pet. 3:15)

4. Read Acts 17:11c. What does it mean when the text says that the Bereans examined the Scriptures? What can we learn from this? (1 Tim. 4:1-5; 6:2-10; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; 1 Jn. 2:18-27; Jn. 10:17)

5. Read Acts 17:11d. What can we learn from the Bereans studying the word daily? Where else do we see this in Acts? (Acts 2:42-47)

6. Read Acts 17:12-15. What was the result of Paul’s time in Berea? What is familiar about this result? How does this same thing happen today? (Acts 16:13-15; Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 3:6-7; Acts 16:20-21; 17:6-7; 19:40; Acts 16:40; 17:10)

7. Read the take home points about how do be a good Berean in your own Bible study. Which one of these principles do you need to work on the most? How do you hope to do that in the coming days and weeks?

“The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals.”

- Charles Ryrie