

ACTS CHAPTER 17 STUDY GUIDE

V. 1-4

- 1) What is significant about Thessalonica? Today; how do we know who to share the gospel with?
- 2) In V. 2, Paul 'reasoned' with people and V. 3, he was 'opening' and 'alleging' to them. What do these words tell us about Paul's work among the Thessalonians? Find Scriptures that he could have called upon for these purposes.

V. 5-9

- 3) What accusations were made against Paul and Silas in Thessalonica? Why and how were they brought?
- 4) Who was Jason, and what was his treatment during this uproar? What does Scripture teach about how we are to respond when we are opposed for the sake of the Gospel?

V. 10-12

- 5) What does 'noble' and 'readiness of mind' mean in V. 11? What is the importance of studying the Scriptures daily? Describe 'honorable' in V. 12.

V. 13-15

- 6) How did persecution arise in Berea, and how did Paul escape it? This was the 5th time Paul was run out of town by an angry mob. What was the importance of the family of God in all those situations? What is its importance today?
- 7) What became of Timothy and Silas when Paul left Berea?

V. 16-17

- 8) What stirred Paul's spirit when he waited in Athens? How do we 'dispute' with someone in order to win souls? Is there a time when we keep silent?

V. 18-21

- 9) What is a philosopher? Who are the Epicureans and the Stoicks? What was their interest in hearing what Paul taught? Find out about what Mars Hill is in history.

V. 22-23

- 10) Check the meaning of 'superstitious' and 'ignorantly' in this passage. What do you see in Paul's way of speaking to this group of people?

V. 24-29

- 11) In this passage, Paul made a connection between their worship of 'the unknown god' and the God of the Bible. Following Paul's reasoning and using Scripture, describe how he established that connection.

V. 30-31

- 12) Define 'winked at'. Find other scriptures that 'commands' all mankind everywhere to repent. What do they have in common?
- 13) Find scriptures about this 'appointed' day.

V. 32-34

- 14) What is the 'resurrection of the dead' and how was Paul's preaching of it received in Athens? What can you find out about Dionysius and Damaris?