

ACTS 17:1-15

BACKGROUND

In this passage, Paul and his traveling companions continue on their 2nd missionary journey to take the message of gospel “to the ends of the Earth” (Acts 1:8). In last week’s passage, they preached the gospel and planted a church in the city of Philippi where there were notable conversions such as Lydia the wealthy business owner and the Philippian jailer’s family. Now the missionary crew makes their way to the next city, Thessalonica.

PRAY

PLEASE READ ACTS 17:1-15

SHARE OBSERVATIONS (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

QUESTIONS

1. Luke indicates that *jealousy* was motivating the antagonism of the Thessalonians (v5). What are some other common motivations of people who are antagonistic about Christianity? In what ways does this cultivate compassion in you towards these types of people?
2. What do you find commendable about the Bereans’ use of scripture? In what ways do you sense a need to grow in this area of your life? Why?
3. The Bereans seem to have struck a healthy balance of being genuinely open to change but without being gullible. How does a follower of Jesus cultivate this kind of healthy balance over the course of time?
4. How does this passage encourage or challenge you?

How can we be praying for each other?