

S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.* Acts 17:1-15

Opening Thought: Think of a time you shared the gospel and received a positive response. What about a negative one? Share.

1. Thessalonica: Some were persuaded. (Acts 17:1-9)

- Paul spent 3 weeks teaching the gospel in Thessalonica. How did they respond?
- Paul was able to reason from the Scripture and prove and explain the gospel. What can we learn from this? How might we understand head and heart knowledge? (1 Thess. 1:5)
- How was Paul able to support this time in Thessalonica? (Philippians 4:15-16; 1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:7-10)
- What can we learn about the gospel from the type of conversions in Thessalonica?
- Who was Jason? What did he do for the gospel? What happened to him?
- How might we “turn the world upside down” for Jesus?
- How did Paul teach Jesus as King? Was this consistent with the gospel message? Why or why not?
- What does 1 Thess. 1:6-8 teach us about the church thriving amidst opposition? What can we learn from this?

2. Berea: Many of them therefore believed. (Acts 17:10-15)

- Why did Paul end up in Berea? How was the synagogue there different than the one in Thessalonica?
- What three powerful truths do we learn about the Bereans? (Noble, received, examined) Discuss. How can we apply these principles to our own lives?
- Compare and contrast the people of Thessalonica with Berea. Discuss the difference between “persuaded” verses “received” and “examined.”
- The Bereans were “self-feeders.” Apply this principle to our lives using Hebrews 5:11-6:1.
- What is the result of hearing the gospel and studying the Word of God?
- What does Acts 17:14-15 teach us about discipleship?
- How does preaching and persecution go hand in hand?