

“Journeys With Paul”
Lesson Six: Thessalonica vs. Berea

Read Acts 17:1-15

Understanding the Text

1. Where is Thessalonica and what do we know about this city?
2. Explain what it means to “reason” with someone from the scriptures.
3. Explain what “explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer” means.
4. Read the first three chapters of 1 Thessalonians. What other information is revealed about this first visit to Thessalonica?
5. What are the four types of people mentioned that are persuaded to believe Paul and Silas?
6. What is the response of the “jealous” Jews in Thessalonica?
7. What is ironic about the statement “These men who have upset the world have come here also;”
8. Where is Berea and what do we know about this city?
9. Explain what it means to be “more noble minded.”

10. Why do you think some people receive The Word with “great eagerness” and others do not?
11. What is the result of the Berean attitude?
12. Where does Paul go from Berea and what command does he give?

Applying the Text

- What keys about persuading people to obey the gospel are revealed in the events of Thessalonica?

- What keys about persuading people to obey the gospel are revealed in the events of Berea?

- Is the Berean attitude important to keep after one becomes a Christian? Why or why not?

- How many times has Luke referenced the conversion of women through the first half of Acts 17 and why do you think he singles women out?