
SERMON OUTLINE

The Impact of Good News

Acts 17:1-15

- I. Resistance in Thessalonica: Some Success and much Persecution (Acts 17:1-10a)
 - A. They taught scripture in the synagogue (1-3).
 1. Reason/Discuss = Conversation about scripture
 2. Explain = Open up what scripture means
 - We can't share Christ without Bible knowledge.
 3. Prove = Show Jesus really died and rose
 4. Proclaim as Messiah = Fulfilled OT promises
 - B. Impact: Some Jews, many Gentiles believed (4).
 - C. Persecution: Some Jews incite a mob and seize Jason who hosted Paul to face charges (5-9).
 - "Turning world upside down" – Does our life significantly impact people?
 - Jesus as "King" – Do people perceive that Christ is our absolute authority?
 - D. Paul and Silas left at night for Berea (10a).
- II. Eagerness in Berea: Much success and more Persecution (Acts 17:10b-15)
 - A. They taught scripture in the synagogue (10b).
 - B. Eager Response: The Bereans examined the scriptures eagerly (11).
 - Open hearts are revealed by a person's attitude toward God's word.
 - The reason we share scriptures is so that people believe God, not us.
 - C. Impact: Many Jews and Gentiles believed (12).
 - D. Persecution: Jews from Thessalonica stirred up the crowds, so Paul left for Athens (13).