



Acts 17

Something to Start Us Off

- If you knew you had to debate a tough crowd, what prop or accessory might you want to bring along?

Something to Notice

Let's dive into the details of Acts 17—notice the people, places, and actions that drive this chapter!

- What happens when Paul and his team go to Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9)?
- Paul also addresses the synagogue in Berea. What happens there (Acts 17:10-15)?
- The next stop is Athens. Describe the early response we find in Acts 17:16-21?
- Still in Athens, Paul is called upon to speak at the Areopagus (aka *Mars Hill*). How would you describe his audience in this situation (Acts 17:22-34)?

Something to Learn

Key Insight:

* Acts 17 shows Paul adapting his message to different audiences, from Jews to Greek philosophers; Athens, a cultural hub, hosted the Areopagus, a hill tied to the Athenian High Court.

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think is behind the differing responses in Thessalonica? (Acts 17:1-9)
- What makes the Bereans' response a model for learning? (Acts 17:10-12)
- When Paul goes to Athens, he uses different methods and locations to communicate Christ. Can we learn anything from that? (Acts 17:16-21)
- Which idea that Paul communicates stands out to you from his speech to the philosophers on Mars Hill?
- What can we learn from the assorted responses Paul gets in Acts 17:32-34?

Something to Take Home

- Paul reached diverse crowds in Acts 17:17. Who can you share Christ with using different approaches?
- The Bereans studied Scripture in Acts 17:11. How and why should we follow their example?