

March 4, 2018
Acts 17:10-15

EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES

I. Introduction:

Back To The Basics "This Is A Bible"

II. Examining The Passage:

A. The Background:

Paul and Silas in Berea: ¹⁰ "As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to **Berea**. On arriving there, **they went to the Jewish synagogue**.
Acts 17:10

The Berean's Character: ¹¹ Now **the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica**, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

B. Lessons From The Berean's

1.) The Berean's _____ To The Authority of the Scriptures:

"They received the message with great **eagerness**."
Vs. 11

The Bible is the supreme and sole authority on matters of faith and conduct. **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**"
2 Timothy 3:16-17

2.) **The Berean's _____ The Scriptures Daily**

"They received the message with great eagerness and **examined** the Scriptures **every day** to see if what Paul said was true." Vs. 11

3.) **The Berean's Immediate _____**

As a result, many of them **believed**, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men." Vs. 12

III. Conclusion:

- How would you fit in with the Bereans?
- As you go through this week, "Examine The Scriptures"

**Points To Ponder
Week of March 4th to 10th
Acts 17:10-15**

Open It:

1. *What do you typically look over closely before buying?
2. How open are you to new ideas?
3. If someone offered you a free college course of study, what subject would you study?

Explore It:

4. When did Paul and Silas leave Thessalonica? (17:10)
5. Why did Paul and Silas leave at night? (17:10)
6. What town did the missionaries visit? (17:10)
7. *On arriving in Berea, where did Paul and Silas go? (17:10)
8. How were the Bereans different from the Thessalonians? (17:11)
9. *How did the Bereans interact with Paul's message? (17:11)
10. *How did the people respond to the gospel? (17:12)
11. Who responded to the gospel? (17:12)
12. What did the Jewish unbelievers from Thessalonica do? (17:13)
13. Why did Paul leave Berea? (17:14)
14. Why did Silas and Timothy remain in Berea? (17:14)
15. Who went with Paul to Athens? (17:15)
16. What instructions did Paul leave for Silas and Timothy? (17:15)

Get It:

17. How interested is your congregation in Bible study?
18. If your church offered daily Bible studies, why might people go or not go to them?
19. *What does it mean to welcome the message of Christ?
20. *Why is it important to think about what we are taught?
21. How should all Christians interact with what they are taught about the Bible?
22. When might a Christian viewpoint stir up controversy?

Apply It:

23. *How can you make time to study the Bible every day this week?
24. How can you help younger Christians grow in their faith?