

March 8, 2015
Acts 17:10-15

BACK TO THE BASICS

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 Submitted To The Authority of the Scriptures:

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

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 Examined 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 Obedience

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

III. Conclusion and Application:

Each day this week read Acts 17:10-15. Take 5-10 minutes each day to read and answer 2 or 3 of the following questions.

Explore It: (These questions are related to the text)

1. When did Paul and Silas leave Thessalonica? ([17:10](#))
2. Why did Paul and Silas leave at night? ([17:10](#))
3. What town did the missionaries visit? ([17:10](#))

4. *On arriving in Berea, where did Paul and Silas go? ([17:10](#))

5. How were the Bereans different from the Thessalonians? ([17:11](#))

6. *How did the Bereans interact with Paul's message? ([17:11](#))

7. *How did the people respond to the gospel? ([17:12](#))

8. Who responded to the gospel? ([17:12](#))

9. What did the Jewish unbelievers from Thessalonica do? ([17:13](#))

10. Why did Paul leave Berea? ([17:14](#))

11. Why did Silas and Timothy remain in Berea? ([17:14](#))

12. Who went with Paul to Athens? ([17:15](#))

13. What instructions did Paul leave for Silas and Timothy? ([17:15](#))

**Get It: (These questions help answer the question, “So What?”
These questions relate the scripture to our daily lives.)**

14. How interested are you in Bible study?

15. If El Estero offered Bible studies, why might people go or not go?

16. *What does it mean to welcome the message of Christ?

17. *Why is it important to think about what we are taught?

18. How should all Christians interact with what they are taught about the Bible?

19. When might a Christian viewpoint stir up controversy?

Apply It: (These Questions help us apply the scripture text to our daily lives)

20. *How can you make time to study the Bible a daily habit?

If you are interested in joining a Small Group Bible Study or have questions, please email Ted at pted.eepc@gmail.com