

Wednesday night Bible study

May 12, 2021

Journey through the book of Acts

Acts 17:10-15

Vs. 10 Why nightfall?

Vs. 11 What made the Bereans 'of more noble character?'

What statements in the text give a beautiful description of a proper attitude toward the Scriptures?

Why were they looking so intently?

What else would they find in their careful study of the Scriptures? (Consider Jeremiah 29:12-13)

Vs. 12 Many Jews and many Greeks believed. How vital to that belief was the thorough study of the Scriptures? Consider Romans 10:13-17 and Psalm 119 selections. Others?

Vs. 13 Here come the haters. David Jeremiah says, "Satan is never far from where the Gospel is being received."

What does it suggest that these men had come from Thessalonica (about 45 miles away)? What fueled their fire, so to speak?

How hard is it to keep focused in the face of such constant opposition? How do you remain Christ-like in times like these? Consider Hebrews 12:1-3. Others?

From where had Paul's message come? (See Gal. 1:11-17)

Vs. 14 Why was Paul shipped off to the coast? Why Athens? Divine appointment?

From MacArthur's commentary: "Athens, the cultural center of Greece. At its zenith, Athens was home to the most renowned philosophers in history, including Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, who was arguably the most influential philosopher of all. Two other significant philosophers were Epicurus, founder of Epicureanism, and Zeno, founder of Stoicism – two of the dominant philosophies in that day."