

Acts

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –07/01/24

Lesson 18
Acts 17:1-34

1. Read Acts 17:1-9. What was Paul's approach to the congregation in the synagogue at Thessalonica? Why did some believe? What opposition arose? Why? What was the end result?
2. Read Acts 17:10-15. What was different in Berea that caused Luke to say they *were of more noble character*? Could the same be said of you?
3. Yet, what similar problem arose in Berea? What was the result? Where did the brothers in Berea take Paul? What happened to Silas and Timothy?
4. Read Acts 17:16-34. What characterized Athens at the time of Paul's visit? What do you think Paul was feeling and thinking as he walked around this city by himself? How do you think Paul would feel if he walked around a major city (Reno?) in the United States today?
5. How did Paul begin his ministry in Athens? How would you describe the philosophers and their interest in Paul's message? Were they sincere seekers of God?
6. Paul's message before the Areopagus is considered a masterpiece of communication. How did he get the interest and undivided attention of his audience by his introductory words?
7. Make a list of everything you learned about God and about man's proper response to God from Paul's message.
8. What doctrine did the Athenian intellectuals refuse to accept?
9. What three responses to Paul's message are found in vv. 32-34? How similar are they to the responses people make to the gospel in our culture today?