

The World is hurting. Jesus can heal them. We can play a role in that healing.

We will play a role when we are filled with power.

Knowledge alone won't change everyone. An encounter with Jesus will transform anyone.

The Mission involves me, but the Mission is more important than me.

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1. Thessalonica (17:1-9)

- a. Faithfulness (1-3)
- b. Fruit (4)
- c. Opposition (5-9)

1. Berea (17:10-15)

- a. Receiving God's Word (10-12)
- b. Rejecting God's Word (13-15)

1. Athens (17:16-34)

- a. His spirit was provoked (16-17)
- b. We wish to know (18-21)
- c. This I proclaim to you (22-31)
- d. Mocking, considering, joining (32-34)

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. Who or what do you think is the object of worship for most Americans? Why?
- 2. The Bereans "examined the scriptures daily" to see if what Paul said was true. What does this tell you about their view of the Word of God? How do you examine the scriptures?
- 3. Paul found common ground with the people in Athens. What are areas of common ground with the people of Tallahassee? What are some areas where

the church and the world are pursuing the same result but taking different routes to get there?

4. In the end, some mocked the message and rejected Paul. Some considered the message and waited to hear more from Paul, while others embraced the message and joined Paul. How does this challenge you or encourage you when considering ministry in 2021?