



Acts: The Birth of the Church in the World - Week 6: How to Change the World

Acts 17: 1-15

Discussion Questions for August 16th, 2026

1. (IceBreaker) Pastor Shaen mentioned the eagerness with which someone might anticipate an amazing steak. What meal would you most eagerly anticipate? At what restaurant?
2. **Main Idea: How To Change The World.** The mob shouted that Paul and Silas "have turned the world upside down." What would change in Thessalonica if a lot of people became Christians? What would happen in your town if the number of Christians doubled?
3. **Point #1: Present Jesus From Scripture.** We can often go about our days with only our own agenda in mind, getting in and out of places with efficiency. Where might you take more time looking for gospel conversations? Where do you run into people that don't know Jesus as their Savior?
4. Pastor Shaen quickly listed a number of Old Testament passages that highlight or anticipate Jesus. Pick one that is less familiar, and read that chapter with your group. Describe the connection with Jesus for that passage. Can you name another Old Testament passage that Shaen didn't mention?
 - Genesis 1 (creator, per John 1)
 - Genesis 3 (serpent crusher)
 - Genesis 6 (ark of salvation)
 - Genesis 12 (seed of Abraham)
 - Genesis 22 (sacrificial lamb)
 - Exodus 12 (Passover lamb)
 - Numbers 21 (bronze serpent)
 - Psalm 22 (suffering man)
 - Isaiah 7 (born of a virgin)
 - Isaiah 9 (just ruler)

- Jonah 1 (3 days in darkness)

5. To present Jesus to others, we need to know our Scriptures well. What is your rhythm of Bible reading or listening? What have you read and learned lately? Share a highlight with your group.
6. **Point #2: Receive Jesus From Scripture.** The Bereans received Paul's teaching "with all eagerness," but they also examined the Scriptures to see whether what he said was true. Why do you think both of those responses are important? What dangers come from having only one without the other?
7. Would you know if Shaen or another preacher wandered outside the bounds of good Bible teaching? Or do you just delegate that to people you think of as experts? Share an experience, either in person or viewing an online clip, where you heard a preacher and suspected they were off base from the Bible.
8. Pray that we take time to intentionally seek out gospel conversations, ready on any occasion to share the hope that we have in Jesus. Pray that our eagerness increases and our expertise rises as we spend time in the Word.