

Acts 17:1-18:22 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Acts 17:16-21 how was Paul feeling in Athens and why (v16)? What did he do first (v17) and who joined in the discussion (v18)? What did they say and why (v18), and to what did this lead (v19-21)?

5. Based on 17:22-29 how did Paul approach these philosophers (v22-23)? What did he tell them about the true God (v24-25, 26, 27-28, 29), and about His purpose (v27)?

6. Read 17:30-34. What did Paul urge them to do (v30) and why (v30, 31)? What reaction did this cause (v32) and why? What were the results (v33, 34)?

7. From 18:1-4 where did Paul go next (v1) and who did he encounter (v2)? Why did he stay with them (v3) and what did he do (v3, 4)? What does this reveal about Paul's heart?

8. Using 18:5-11 who rejoined Paul and what did he then do (v5)? What occurred (v6) and to what did this lead (v7, 8)? How did God encourage Paul (v9-10) and what resulted (v11)? Apply.

9. According to 18:12-17 what did the Jews then do (v12-13) and what was the proconsul's reaction (v14-16)? What happened next and how did Gallio respond (v17)?

10. In 18:18-22 how did Paul respond to this (v18) and how does this relate to 18:9-10? What did he then do (v18, 19)? What was he asked how did he respond (v20-21)? Where did he go (v22)?

11. Looking back at Paul's 2nd missionary journey compare how the Jews, Bereans, and philosophers responded to the gospel message? Why did they make it "personal" with Paul? Think about your life—why do people do this to you when you share Jesus?

Scripture to Remember

“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness....”
Acts 17:30-31 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—What's Up With Healing? (Acts 9:32-43)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about a time that you tried to start something from scratch, like a business, or ministry, that needed followers. What were some of the necessary ingredients for success?
2. Look at Acts 9:32-35 and 36-42. What two miraculous healings occurred and what effect did it have (v35, 42)? How could this be applied today?
3. Identify the "signs of the apostle" from these passages: Matt 10:1, 2 Cor 12:12, Heb 2:3-4. Why did God give these miraculous abilities based on John 4:48?
4. From 1 Tim 5:23, 2 Tim 4:20, and 2 Cor 12:7-9 did God ever allow sickness that wasn't healed? What does that say about God's will for healing?
5. Read Isaiah 53:5. What did Christ do for us and what kind of healing is in view in this verse? With this in mind is it valid to say that "all" healing is in the atonement?
6. From this discussion how should we view healing—1) Who does it? 2) What kind of healing does He do? 3) Why does He do it? 4) What is our part in this healing 5) How should we deal with it when it doesn't happen?
7. Share or discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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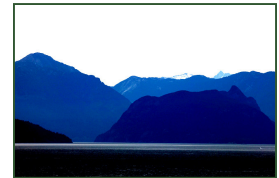
The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Contempt Prior to Investigation Acts 17:1-18:22

The philosopher, Herbert Spencer, was quoted in the “Big Book” of Alcoholics Anonymous as saying, “There is a principle...that is proof against all arguments—contempt prior to investigation.” The application is that we must never reject a truth before we have investigated its validity. In this week’s study, though, the Jews and the Athenian philosophers did just this on Paul’s second missionary journey. The result in each case was that those who rejected Paul’s arguments made personal attacks on him. On Paul’s first stop at Thessalonica he went to the synagogue on three straight Sabbaths and many leaders believed. The Jews, though, were refusing the gospel and persecuting Paul because of their jealousy over his success. This, in turn, led to the

persecution of one of Paul’s associates, Jason, because they couldn’t find Paul. He had gone to Berea where these Berean Jews set the right example. They examined the Scriptures daily to see if Paul’s preaching was true. However, Jews from Thessalonica came over and stirred up the crowds so that Paul had to leave again. He arrived at Athens, the center of Greek philosophy. The idolatry of that city provoked his spirit, but as usual he first taught in the synagogue and then in the city market. Although the philosophers there wanted to hear more about his teaching, as was their custom, they ultimately were rejecting and sneering, with many considering it idle babbling and strange truths. Paul preached about how God had created them and led them to seek



The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.

Him. He then told them about Jesus, especially His resurrection and judgment, and while many sneered, some believed. Finally, Paul went to Corinth where the Jews there were resisting and cursing Paul. God told him to not be afraid, though, since He had many people in that city. Thus, the Jews were unsuccessful when they tried to stop Paul by bringing him before the proconsul, Gallio. He stayed there for a year and a half, then briefly stopped in Ephesus before he returned to Antioch. While succeeding in many ways, his rejection was the result of contempt prior to investigation.

Study Questions for Acts 17:1-18:22

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Acts 17:1-4. What was Paul’s next destination (v1)? Where did he “set up shop” (v1-2) and why (v2)? What three elements were the focuses of his message (v3) and what was the result (v4)?</p>	
<p>2. From 17:5-9 what was the Jewish reaction to Paul’s success (v5)? What action did they take initially (v5), but what did they do instead (v6)? What was their charge (v6, 7) and was it true? Was that a good or bad thing? What was the outcome (v8-9)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 17:10-15 what occurred next and where did they go (v10)? How did they respond (v11) and how can we apply this? What 2 things resulted (v12, 13) and to what did this lead (v14-15)?</p>	

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