

Be a Berean!

Acts 17:10b-15 / December 13, 2015

➤ The _____ Bereans (v. 10-12)

1. They received the Word with _____.
2. They _____ the Scriptures _____ to see if these things were so.

➤ We Affirm:

1. The _____ of Scripture
2. The _____ of Scripture
3. The _____ of Scripture
4. The _____ of Scripture

➤ _____ Again (v. 13-15)

*I will meditate on Your Precepts and fix my eyes on Your Ways. I will delight in Your Statutes; I will not forget Your Word. Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your Word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.
-Psalm 119:15-18*

➤ Be a Berean:

- Purchase a good Bible. Get one you will keep the rest of your life. Stop Bible jumping.
- Bring your Bible to church, to Bible study, to small group, to work, on vacation etc.
- Follow along in your Bible during preaching and teaching. Be eager to learn and study.
- Mark, star, highlight, take notes, and underline in your Bible. Linger in the words. Let them soak in.
- Test every truth-claim against God's Word. Every sermon, every teaching must be settled firmly in the truth of God's Word.
- Read and study your Bible every day. Make it a way of life. Have a plan, track your progress. Be realistic, be disciplined, be focused.
- Remember God's sovereign ordination of His Words for you each day as you read. Call to mind what you studied throughout the day. Use verse cards to keep the Text in front of you.
- Give attention to all Scripture. Sit and soak in the verses God puts before you each day, not just the familiar ones. Find the Gospel on every page.
- Learn to love theology. Be teachable. Let God's Word challenge and change your assumptions and ideas about things. Let God have the final word.
- Journal your discoveries and prayers as you read.
- Seek to apply and live out what you learn in the Text. Pick one or two ways to put the Text to work each day. Find a promise to believe, a sin to confess, a word of wisdom to pursue...
- Memorize key verses and passages as you study.
- Seek out Bible-saturated materials that will help you grow. Good books, podcasts, resources...
- Redeem your down time. Listen to the Bible or good preaching during your commute, your showers, your household chores etc.
- Delight in the Word but more importantly delight in the God of the Word.
- Be Christ-centered and Bible-saturated.