

• **LESSON 7 (November 20)** •

**Acts 17:1-18:22 • “Men Who Have Turned the World Upside Down”**

1. Why would Paul contend “that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead” (17:3) to Jews in Thessalonica?
2. Paul and his companions are accused before the city authorities in Thessalonica of turning “the world upside down” (17:6). In what ways was this an accurate description of Paul and his message?
3. The Jews in Berea are described by Luke as being “more noble than those in Thessalonica” (17:11). Why? What does “noble” mean?
4. As Paul waits in Athens, “his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols” (17:16). Why would this observation have provoked Paul?
5. Take your time with Paul’s address to the Athenians in Acts 17:22-31. What can we learn from his approach?
6. What do we learn about God in Paul’s address to the Athenians?
7. In Acts 18:1-4 we are introduced to Aquila and Priscilla. Where else do we hear about this husband and wife?
8. “Your blood be on your own heads!” Paul’s words to the Jews in Acts 18:6 are strong. Why would he say such a thing?
9. What would the Lord’s words in Acts 18:9-11 have meant to Paul?
10. As Luke’s documentation of Paul’s second missionary journey comes to a close, reflect on just how far Paul and his companions have traveled. What churches with which we are familiar from the rest of the New Testament have had their beginning due to the direct influence of Paul on this second missionary journey?