



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**The Life of Paul, Episode 23:**  
***"Unleash the Hound: A Fresh View of Witnessing"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Acts 17:1-15**

1. Paul's "custom" was to go and talk to the Jews wherever he was. How was his custom based on God's priority for mission (*Romans 1:16*)? What might we learn from Paul's persistent example in *Acts 17:2* (see also *1 Corinthians 15:58*)?
  
2. What was the source for Paul's reasoning with these Jews in Thessalonica (*Acts 17:2*)? Who is the focus of Paul's reasoning with these Jews (*Acts 17:3*)? If you were asked to "reason" with folks today, would you know what to say (*1 Peter 3:15*)?
  
3. Read *Romans 4:25*. Why did Jesus *have to* suffer (or die) and rise again from the dead (*Acts 17:3*)? What was accomplished for us by Christ? Why do more people not embrace this gospel truth?
  
4. Why did Paul's declaration that Jesus was the "Christ" ("Messiah") make some of the Jews jealous (*Acts 17:5*)? Have you ever engaged others with a rational, biblical argument only to be met with irrational, emotional responses? Why does this happen?

5. Jesus also encountered opposition when He claimed to be the Christ (*Luke 23:2*). What were the Jews expecting the Christ to be like? Why do you think that it is important to proclaim that Jesus is both Christ/Messiah (*Acts 17:3*) and king (*Acts 17:7*)?
  
6. How did the Jews in Berea differ from those in Thessalonica (*Acts 17:11*)? What did they do once Paul shared the same gospel truth from the Scriptures? What does this demonstrate about the Bible (*2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12*)?
  
7. Are you sometimes hesitant to “unleash” the Bible to others? What happens when honest people dig into the Bible on their own? If they are sincerely seeking, do you believe that they will discover that Jesus is both Savior and Lord (*2 Peter 3:18*)?

**Memory Verse:**

**“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”**  
(*Acts 17:11, NIV*)