

## How to Become More Confident in your Witnessing

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### Acts Series: “Completely Irreligious, Yet Radically Christian” Part 27 Acts 17:1-15

1) We need to \_\_\_\_\_ bad habits and misconceptions about evangelism

*When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. Acts 17:1-15 (NIV)*

#### Six Key Words That Should Inform Our Evangelism From Acts 17:1-4

a) Paul \_\_\_\_\_ with them...

Key idea 1: \_\_\_\_\_

...from an \_\_\_\_\_ they recognized and respected (The scriptures)

Key idea 2: Over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (“on three Sabbath days”)

b & c) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Key idea: \_\_\_\_\_ answering their questions

d) \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus is

Key idea: Everything rises or falls on Jesus

e) Some were \_\_\_\_\_

Key Idea: They embraced Jesus for themselves...they owned their faith

f) Those who were persuaded \_\_\_\_\_ the gathering of Jesus followers

*But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. Acts 17:5*

2) Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are part of every movement that has changed the world  
Two Reasons the Gospel Offended This Audience

a) It \_\_\_\_\_ their sin

b) It presented a \_\_\_\_\_ that wasn't going to give them what they \_\_\_\_\_

*As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message **with great eagerness** and **examined the Scriptures** every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. Acts 17: 10-12*

*But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. 14 The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. 15 Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible. Acts 17:13-15*