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GOD

Acts 17


ACTS
Disciples Making Disciples



Paul's Second Missionary Journey

- Acts 15:36 – 18:22 (AD 50-52)
- Travelled approximately: 2,400 kms walking plus 2,000 kms by sea
- From Antioch, through Syria and...
- Cilicia, Derbe, Lystra Phrygia & Galatia, Troas, Philippi
- ***Thessalonica, Berea, Athens***
- Corinth (1.5 years) Ephesus Caesarea
- Returned to Syrian Antioch

1. Context

- A compelling motivation (16)
- A clear strategy
- Strategic places – where people gathered
- Synagogue (2, 10, 17)
- “Speakers corner – Areopagus (19)

2. Content

- ❑ Scriptures (2, 11, 13, 17)
- ❑ Jesus Christ (3, 7, 18, 24ff)

3. Challenge

- ❖ Reasoned (2, 17)
- ❖ Explained (3)
- ❖ Proved (3)
- ❖ Persuaded (4)
- ❖ Preached (13)
- ❖ Debated (18)

4. Consequence

- # 17:6 “turned the world upside down” (OR *right side up?*)
- # Some were persuaded & believed (4, 12)
- # Some violently rejected (5-9, 13)
- # Sneering, believing, pondering (32-34)

Lessons learned (22-38)

- ✓ Search for significance: why do people experience emptiness?
- ✓ Beginnings: why is there something rather than nothing?
- ✓ Purpose of life: is there more to life?
- ✓ After life: what happens when I die?

Lessons learned (22-38)

- ☑ Emptiness: People looking in wrong places (22-23)
- ☑ Beginnings: God created the world (24)
- ☑ Purpose of life: God still wants to connect (26-27)
- ☑ After life: everyone will face God, ensure you are ready – repent (30)
- ☑ Response: Jeer, join, or explore