

Paul's Second Missionary Journey (continued)

Introduction: God continued _____ Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke on this second missionary journey. Through difficult circumstances the gospel will reach into Greece.

- I. The _____ Thessalonians (Acts 17:1-9)
 - A. The beginning of the church in Thessalonica was from Paul's _____ in the synagogue for three Sabbaths.
 - B. Paul's sermons to the Jews consisted of _____ with them about how Jesus is indeed the Messiah of Israel.
 - C. Believers should be able to "_____ to the lost that Jesus is God and Savior (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pe. 3:15).
 - D. Paul and his team were criticized as "turning the world upside _____."
 - E. Christianity does run _____ to the cultures of the world.
- II. The _____ Bereans (Acts 17:10-15)
 - A. Paul and Silas went on to preach in other _____ as Thessalonica became unsafe.
 - B. The Jews in the synagogue at Berea were _____ of the Scriptures.
 - C. They checked the Old Testament to _____ whether Paul was preaching the truth.
 - D. Then Paul had to travel _____ as things continued heating up.
- III. The _____ Athenians (Acts 17:16-34)
 - A. "Although Athens was the center of culture, education, and fine arts, Paul was _____ in none of these things. He did not occupy his time with sightseeing trips" (MacDonald).
 - B. Paul's heart was _____ with the sad spiritual condition of the city.
 - C. He did not allow the impressive culture to _____ him to the most important matter.
 - D. Paul would preach to whoever would _____.
 - E. Even the Greek philosophers came to hear what Paul had to _____.
 - F. The Epicureans were seekers of _____, and the Stoics sought to avoid all _____.
 - G. The Greeks just wanted to hear something _____.
 - H. Paul sought to introduce them to the God they did not _____.
 - I. To these pagan idolaters, Paul presented God as the _____.
 - J. Then he presented the Lord Jesus as the _____.
 - K. No church plant is recorded here—some places are _____ than others.

Conclusion: "In this same way America is going to seed today. Have you ever listened to the talk shows? They are boring to tears. Everyone is trying to come up with something new. Each one is trying to say something novel. They try so hard to say something smart, something sophisticated; yet it is the same old story. Athens tried the same thing" (McGee).