

Study Guide on Acts 17:1-4, 10-12, 22-28

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Acts 17:1-4, 10-12, 22-28

(Acts 17:1) After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

(Acts 17:2) And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures,

(Acts 17:3) explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you."

(Acts 17:4) Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

(Acts 17:10) That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Berea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

(Acts 17:11) These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so.

(Acts 17:12) Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing.

(Acts 17:22) Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

(Acts 17:23) For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

(Acts 17:24) The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

(Acts 17:25) nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

(Acts 17:26) From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

(Acts 17:27) so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

(Acts 17:28) For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?