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mpc nightchurch

growing followers of Jesus

Welcome, especially if you're a visitor or newcomer. We hope you enjoy being part of nightchurch, where our mission is to teach the bible in a way that makes sense in our 21st century world. If this is your first time with us, **PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITORS CARD** so we can get to know you!

Supper Roster next week:

Reason **to Believe**

Acts 17¹⁻¹⁴ Thessalonica

1. Sinking Statistics

- two problems with Christians today

2. Clarity (Acts 17:1-4)

- reasoned from the scriptures (17:2)
- an OT Identikit
- explaining (17:3) and proving (17:3)

3. Courage (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

- facing the consequences (v5-9)

4. Reasonable Doubt (Acts 17:10-14)

- don't be afraid to ask questions!

The Bereans examined the scriptures to see if what Paul said was true. Will YOU do the same?

5. Building up your Faith Muscles

From the Bible

Acts 17:1 When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,³ explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women 5 But the 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.

6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, 7 and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." 8 When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil 9 Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

10 As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

11 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. 12 Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

13 When the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.¹⁴ The brothers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea.

Jo Hanson LIVE!

Jo is a regular member of mpc nightchurch, who is entering the final stretch of a short term mission as a teacher with a Christian school in Ootacumund, India. Tonight we're planning to interview Jo by phone.

