



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, May 18, 2025

## ACTS – Changed Lives Turning the World Upside Down

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 17:1-15. How would you advise Paul and Silas after the two incidents of arrest in this passage?
2. From the beginning of Acts to chapter 17, what instances of radical change occur as a result of the preaching of the gospel (spoken or lived)?
3. What is the source of the controversy that results in Paul & Silas having to escape Thessalonica, and for Paul to sneak out of Berea (17:2-4)? How does preaching “Jesus is the Christ/Lord” cause the world to be turned upside down? (17:6)? Does that still happen today in Canada?

### Explore

4. What are some ways the gospel turns expected “norms” upside down (think of Jesus’ sermon on the mount: Matthew 5-7 -- the beatitudes, and the times Jesus says “You’ve heard it said... but I say to you...”)?
5. Do you see instances and places (through your own life or the life of others) where gospel transformation is happening? Where it’s not happening and should be?
6. What aspects of living the legacy of the apostles do you need to work on? What do each of these aspects look like in your life today?
  - ☐ Being passionate about the Gospel story
  - ☐ Loving radically
  - ☐ Not being afraid
  - ☐ A non-defensive stance towards peace and silence

### Pray

- Pray for God to equip you or each other with the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal.5) so that you can pursue the aspects of “living the legacy” of question 6 above.
- Thank God for the good news of Jesus Christ and how the work and message of Christ continues to have an impact in the world today (see Luke 4:18-19).