

The Guide

Title: Greece is the Word

Passage: Acts 17:1-16

Date: 11/17/24

The Trailhead:

Has anyone ever successfully changed your mind about an issue you disagreed on? What did they do to convince you?

Discussion:

v.1-4

Paul uses three tactics in his conversations with the Jews about the Gospel: Reasoning, explaining, and showing. Which of these three is most effective in your conversations with unbelievers? Why is relationship so important to sharing the Gospel? What is the key to the Jews believing in Christ? What is the key to people in our culture today?

v.5-9

What Biblical hang-ups do the hostile Jews have with the Gospel of Jesus? Why is it sometimes more difficult for religious people to see the truth of the Gospel? How does this impact our own faith? Do you have areas of blindness as a result of your religious experiences or knowledge? What hope can be found in the story of Paul for those who face this struggle? How can we minister in this situation?

v.10-12

What is different about the spiritual "soil" the apostles find in Thessalonica? How can we cultivate this kind of soil as we share the truth of Christ with our circle of influence? What encouragement can we take from the harvest God has promised?

v.13-15

Talk about the relationship between the final events of this passage and what we find in 1 Peter 2:6-8.