

## They Searched The Scriptures

### Lesson 21

## Acts 17:10-12

### Memory Verse

All Scripture is given from God and is useful for teaching and for showing people what is wrong in their lives. It is useful for correcting faults and teaching how to live right. 2 Timothy 3:16

### Introduction

Explain that in the next few weeks we will be talking about the Bible and how we can use it to help us.

### Scripture

#### Acts 17:10-12

As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 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. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Lots of people have questions about the Bible. Some may wonder where it came from or who wrote it. Others wonder how to find things or if it is true. God tells us that His word is true and we can read the Bible to learn more about Him and how to live our lives for Him. If you have questions about the Bible, the best place to find answers is to look in it.

One time in the Bible, a man named Paul was telling people about Jesus. He shared with them that Jesus died and came back to life.

The people were not sure if they believed him. Instead of ignoring Paul or saying that he was wrong, they looked through the Bible to see if what Paul was telling was the truth.

### Discussion

#### Ask: Do you know what they found out?

They discovered that what Paul was saying WAS true. They realized that Jesus DID die and come back to life! This was a wonderful discovery for them. They were excited to know that God cared for them and loved them.

Many people believed in Jesus because they looked in the Bible and saw that Jesus died and came back to life for them.

#### Psalm 119:160

All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

#### Psalm 33:4

For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

## Discussion

### **Ask: Have you ever wondered if the stories we teach are true?**

You can do what these people did. You can look in the Bible and read them for yourself.

The Bible is true and all the stories in it really happened. You can read about a real talking donkey, a man that was swallowed by a whale, one little lunch that fed more people than an entire school, and lots of other amazing things.

## Application

### **Ask: Does the Bible tell the truth?**

There are several verses in the Bible that tell us that the Bible is true. The book of Psalms is in the middle of the Bible. Let's look up chapter 119. It happens to be the longest chapter in the whole Bible. Let's look at verse 160. It says that all God's words are true. He only tells the truth. Another verse is Psalm 33:4. It says that God's words are right and true.

### **II Peter 1:16**

**We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**

Let's skip to the very back of the Bible. II Peter 1:16 tells us that no one made up the stories in the Bible. They actually saw miracles and they are true.

### **John 14:6**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

The best story to read about in the Bible is about Jesus. The Bible tells us in John 14:6 that Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life. He did an amazing thing for us. He knew that the only way for us to be with God in Heaven was for Him to take our punishment for us. He died for our sins. He came back to life three days later. Because He lives, we can be in Heaven if we believe and trust Him.

### **Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?**

#### **Romans 10:9-10**

**That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.