

Round the World in 80 days

Studies in Acts 17-20

Berea – Searching for the Truth

Acts 17.10-15

- **A Common Theme, vs 2,11**

The Scriptures

Thessalonica: the preacher's approach
reasoning, explaining
proving, proclaiming

Berea: the hearers' response
eagerness, exploration

- **A better class of person, v11**
a privileged background
a statement of fact,
not a value judgement
the Gospel is for all sorts!

1. Their Enthusiasm for God's Word, v11

- *Eager – ready, open, and willing minds
a preacher's paradise!*
- *What about us? – how do you receive
God's Word as its preached?
enthuse about the preaching!
talk about what you've heard
Mal 3.16*

2. Their Exploration of God's Word, v11

- *examine – to discover the truth*
Luke 23.14-15; Acts 4.8-10; 24.5-8
- *What about us? – do you study
the Scriptures for yourself?
Do you read your Bible every day?
The key to God's blessings
James 1.22-25; Psalm 1.1-2*
- *What's more important
– praying or studying God's Word?*

3. Their Embracing of God's Word, v12

- *believe it – God's power at work*
1 Thess 2.13; 1.4-5
- *a unique, God-given capacity to ...*
 - *enlightened our mind Ps 119.130*
 - *penetrate our heart Heb 4.12*
 - *accomplish God's purpose Is 55.11*
 - *bring us salvation through faith*
in Jesus 2 Tim 3.15-16
- *What's more important*
– what's preached, or how we receive it?