



# A Prison Break

## Evangelism for Everyone

### Acts 17

#### Thessalonica:

1. Paul preached to them for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks – much longer than in Philippi.
2. “Some Jews”, and “A large number” of Greeks, and “Quite a few prominent women” believed. (vs 4)

“Some Jews” - \_\_\_\_\_ People in a **good and moral** system

“Greeks” - Religious People \_\_\_\_\_ any and all gods they could find, but who had discovered that God was the true God

“Prominent Women” - People who were willing to buck the system and \_\_\_\_\_ for themselves.

\*\* Sometimes it is the \_\_\_\_\_ expected groups who respond with the most enthusiasm.

3. One tactic, long used by Satan, is to gather up “bad characters” and bring a political, social, or physical \_\_\_\_\_ against anyone who is doing the work of God.

They started a riot, rushed Jason’s house, then arrested and fined Jason (and others).

#### Berea:

1. This time, the Jews in the synagogue “received the message with great \_\_\_\_\_”
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ the scriptures to see if what Paul said was true.
3. This time, “Many” Jews, “a number of Prominent Greek Women” and many “Greek Men” believed.
4. The Jews from Thessalonica were not \_\_\_\_\_ to run Paul out of just their town. They continued their attack in Berea.

## Athens:

1. The people in Athens were the \_\_\_\_\_, philosophers, educators, professional students, debaters, etc. (College professors, degree holders, and influencers of today)
2. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ with the religious in the Synagogue and marketplace (vs 17) \_\_\_\_\_ with the philosophers (vs 18), \_\_\_\_\_ in meetings and gave \_\_\_\_\_ at the Areopagus (vs 19), and led those who showed interest to the Lord (vs 23-33)
  - a. Paul discovered who his audience was and what their spiritual need was, then he \_\_\_\_\_ them to a place to discover Jesus.
    - To the Jews, Paul shared Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_
    - To the philosophers, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy
    - To the Areopagus, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ them what they were seeking – knowledge of God.

## Cathlamet:

1. We will find some people who are **blinded** by religion to the truth of the gospel, others who are **violently opposed** to the gospel because it is in competition with them, still others who are **eager** to hear the truth and immediately believe, some who **love to debate** and are always up for a discussion, as well as those who are open to **listening to the truth** as long as it answers their questions and brings them closure.
  - a. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ each one where they were at, shared the gospel, and God saved some.
  - b. We must not decline to share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_ who will \_\_\_\_\_. Even though it is true that many will reject and even oppose it.
  - c. Why? Because \_\_\_\_\_ will respond and become believers. And some of them will reach out again, and so forth and so on.
  - d. Our challenge is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so this is all possible.