**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 17**

**Acts 17:1-34**

1. What new things did you learn in last week’s lesson and/or lecture?

2. a. What did Paul want to explain and prove to the Thessalonians?

 b. Who was persuaded by Paul’s preaching?

3. a. The Jews were jealous, so they:

 . . . rounded up

 . . . formed

 . . . started

 b. What charge did they bring against Jason and the missionaries?

4. It was risky to be involved with Paul and to follow Jesus. What do you risk to be involved with Jesus?

 . . . to be involved with other believers?

5. a. The brothers sent Paul and Silas to Berea. The Bereans were “more noble” than the Thessalonians. Why?

 b. What does “noble-minded”/”noble-character” mean to you?

6. Who did the following:

 a. believed Paul’s message?

 b. stirred up trouble?

 c. left?

 d. stayed?

7. Paul referred to having a “thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7) which may have been a physical problem; however, how could these disruptive Jews also be considered “a thorn in his flesh?”

8. a. While in Athens, Paul felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Why?

 b. Do you think Paul would be comfortable in your city? What “idols” would he see?

9. a. With whom did Paul reason?

 b. What group began to dispute him and why?

10. a. How are the Athenians and foreigners described in verse 21?

 b. What are some of the “latest ideas” people devote their time to today?

11. a. Paul addressed the Athenians in verse 22 as “very religious.” Explain what you think is the difference between “having faith” and “being religious.”

 b. What did Paul find in Athens that gave him an “opening” to preach Christ?

12. a. Paul wanted them to know the true God. From verses 24-31, write the number of the verse or verses in Paul’s sermon that apply to God.

 \_\_\_\_\_ as Creator

 \_\_\_\_\_ having control of the universe

 \_\_\_\_\_ as the giver of life and breath

 \_\_\_\_\_ as being close to us

 \_\_\_\_\_ not being worshipped through statues or images

 \_\_\_\_\_ commanding all to repent

 \_\_\_\_\_ judging the world through His Son

 \_\_\_\_\_ raising Jesus from the dead

 b. Which verse from Paul’s sermon on Mars’ Hill was most meaningful to you and why?

13. Describe the responses from Paul’s audience.

 . . . the results?

14. The ideas of repentance, resurrection and judgment were foreign to the thinking of the Greeks in Athens and Paul soon moved on. Why is it necessary from these Scriptures that Christians accept those concepts as foundations of the faith?

 a. Repentance

 Acts 17:30

 2 Corinthians 7:10

 b. Resurrection

 John 6:40

 John 11:25

 c. Judgment

 2 Corinthians 5:10

 Romans 8:1

15. a. Paul taught both Jews and Gentiles wherever he went. Is it easier for you to share your faith with friends or with strangers? Why?

 b. Share a verse of Scripture or a Bible story you use when telling people about God’s love.