



# Oakwood

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## CHURCH

### April 25 Discussion Questions

#### “Receive the Word”

Acts 17:1-15

#### *Preview*

#### How to be Strengthened by Scripture:

1. **Welcome the Word Warmly** (v. 11a)
  - a. **Show up** - How consistent are you in Sunday worship?
  - b. **Listen up** - What helps you receive and retain God’s Word?
2. **Study the Scriptures Seriously** (v. 11b)
  - a. **Read** daily - How consistent are you in the Word?
  - b. **Write** thoughtfully - What helps you engage with and apply God’s Word?
  - c. **Review** regularly - How are you sharing what you learn with other believers?
3. **Get to the Gospel quickly** (v. 2-3)
  - a. How does this passage point to **Jesus**?
  - b. How does it present the **Gospel**?
  - c. How does it call you to **respond** to King Jesus?

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

## **Connect**

1. What is your ideal way of relaxing or using your downtime? How does this reflect your personality?
2. To what degree are you a lover of knowledge? Do you enjoy studiously reading books to learn new things?

## **Pray & Read Acts 17:1-15**

## **Discuss & Apply**

3. What was special about the Jews in Berea?
4. What did their eagerness for the Word result in? (see v.12) How do you understand the relationship between reading God's Word and increasing your belief in God? How have you found this to be true in your life?
5. What helps you engage with and apply God's Word?
6. Why are confession and repentance important in receiving God's Word?
7. How consistent are you in the Word? Are you satisfied with this? What kind of reading plan are you using or would like to start using?
8. Why is it important to get to the Gospel quickly? Are you quick to do this or do you tend to only see the story at hand?
9. What are some good questions to ask of a text in order to see its relevance to the Gospel?
10. What ways are you actively sharing what you learn with others? How can you become a better conduit of God's Truth?
11. How is all of this tied to our attendance at church on Sundays?
12. In what ways have we become more American than Christian? How can we grow a healthy biblical critique of our culture?

## **Prayer**

Pray for God to increase your love for God's Word and your knowledge of God's Word.

## **Oakwood Prayer Focus**

As we share the Gospel in this hostile culture, pray many will eagerly receive the Word.