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## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 1/21/2018

Acts 17:1-15 - "How God's Word Turns the World Upside Down" by Drew Hunter

### Overview

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This text is the tale of the gospel coming to two different cities for the very first time: Thessalonica and Berea. This text not only gives us insight into what life was like in the early church, but it also gives us a model for how to share the gospel and what to expect as a response:

- 1) Sharing the gospel in Thessalonica (v.1-9)
- 2) Receiving the gospel in Berea (v.10-15)

This text encourages us to be faithful to share the gospel and to trust God with the response to that message. It is a message that turns the world upside down.

### Quotations

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"We know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction" -Paul in 1 Thess 1:5

"On the one hand, as Christian people, we are called to be conscientious and law-abiding citizens, not revolutionaries. On the other hand, the kingship of Jesus has unavoidable political implications since, as his loyal subjects, we must refuse to give to any ruler or ideology the supreme homage and total obedience which are due to him alone." -John Stott

### Understanding & Application

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1) Are you fully leaning into this story in the book of Acts, one of God's people (you!) being sent? Do you live your life with missional intentionality?

2) What can we learn from Paul about how to share gospel? What range of responses should we expect?

3) When was the last time you shared the gospel with someone? How did you bring it up? What did you say?

4) The city of Berea had a posture of eagerness and openness to the Word being shared. What is your posture when God himself is teaching us (i.e. whenever we open God's Word)?

5) How did the world get turned upside down in the decades following Jesus' ascension into heaven?