

## **Unfinished – Week 6**

### **What is Evangelism?**

Small Groups – Bethany Church Long Beach

#### **Intro:**

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

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

1. When you were growing up how often did your family move? How did you feel about these moves?
2. Thessalonica was a wealthy trading city on a major road going from the Adriatic Sea to present day Istanbul by the Black Sea. How is Paul received at Thessalonica (see also 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10; 3:1-4)?
3. What types of accusations has Paul encountered so far (vv. 5-7; also 16:20-21)? What motivations lie behind these accusations?
4. Since his conversion in Acts 9, this is the sixth time Paul had been forced to leave an area because of persecution. How would you feel about your mission if that happened to you? How does your view compare with Paul’s view on this (see 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6)?
5. Whether Jesus or Caesar was Lord became a real issue for Christians a few years later. When has your faith in Christ led to conflict with other authorities claiming your loyalty?
6. When you listen to someone preach or teach do you examine the Scriptures?
7. Compared with the Thessalonians (vv2-4), how do the Bereans receive the gospel (vv. 11-12)?
8. In terms of time, consistency and intensity, how would you rate your Bible study?
9. How might your small group split up to pilot new groups among different folks? What people or task would you be best suited for?
10. Based on the passage, what implications are there for us in terms of missions?

#### **Pray together as a group**