

# The Tale of Three Cities

## Acts 17

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Uncharted Series

**Reflect**

Outline: Recap

**Realize**

Points to Ponder

**Respond**

Questions to draw out understanding.

### REFLECT

Everyone loves a good story and the Gospel of Jesus is the greatest story ever told! As we continue in the Uncharted series, today we will see how Paul and Silas move forward with their mission of bringing the message of Jesus to varying people groups. Though they press on with this Godsent assignment, we learn that the people in each city have a different response to their efforts. Regardless of the unique challenges they continue to face, their hearts were set on sharing this life saving message with everyone who would listen. May we be encouraged to do our part in turning our communities right side up for the cause of Christ.

### REALIZE

#### 1. Envy is destructive

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 17, Colossians 3:5, 1 Corinthians 13:4
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where might you be so focused on what God is doing in someone else's life that you're missing what He is doing in yours? What implications has this had in your relationship with the Lord and with others?

#### 2. Be like the Bereans

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 17, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What practices do you have in place to help you know the Word of God for yourself? How have your small group discussions aided your growth with the scriptures?

#### 3. Jesus desires a sincere relationship

- **Scripture Reference:** Acts 17, Revelation 3:20
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What is the temperature of your spiritual life? Where is Jesus wanting to deepen His relationship with you?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?