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**READING PLAN: WEEK 4**

## DAY 19: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

Read Acts 17:1-9

*Paul and Silas in Thessalonica*

<sup>1</sup>Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” <sup>4</sup>And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup>And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” <sup>8</sup>And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup>And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

### Pray for Ministry Initiative, The Justice Run by Fierce Freedom

The Justice Run is an annual family-friendly event put on by Fierce Freedom to raise money and awareness for human trafficking and its victims. Fierce Freedom is a non-profit based in Eau Claire, WI that fights human trafficking and exploitation through education and victim support.

For more information about the Justice Run go to:  
[www.cvjusticerun.org](http://www.cvjusticerun.org)



## DAY 20: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

Read Acts 17:10-15

*Paul and Silas in Berea*

<sup>10</sup>The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. <sup>12</sup>Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. <sup>13</sup>But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. <sup>14</sup>Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy

remained there. <sup>15</sup>Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

### Pray for Ministry Initiative, Faith Riders

Faith Riders is a group of ordinary people from every walk of life who share a common desire to serve the Lord through motorcycle ministry. They exist to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ intentionally and unapologetically to all who have yet to accept Him and to build up the body of Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship and serving.



For more information about Faith Riders go to:  
[faithriders.com](http://faithriders.com)

## DAY 21: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

Read Acts 17:16-21

*Paul in Athens*

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

### Pray for Short Term Missionary, Sadie Robb, and her work with Bethany Global University

Sadie is living as a student missionary in Bazu, Azerbaijan for 16 months through the Bethany Global University International Agency. Her time there is spent taking online classes to continue earning her degree, learning the local language, leading bible studies, serving the long-term missionaries, working in the schools, teaching English, ministering to Muslims, and working in a special needs orphanage.



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Bethany Global University go to:  
[bethanygu.edu](http://bethanygu.edu)

## DAY 22: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

Read Acts 17:22-34

*Paul Addresses the Areopagus*

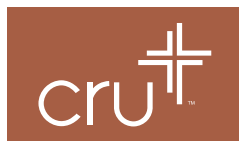
<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’” <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup>Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”

<sup>33</sup>So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup>But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

### Pray for Short Term Missionary, Sarah Gates, and her work with Campus Crusade for Christ

Campus Crusade for Christ is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them out to build others. Sarah interned with Cru in Eau Claire for two years and has now transitioned to serving in full-time ministry with Cru in Chicago where she is equipping students to serve, sharing the gospel on a small and large scale, and discipling students.



For more information about  
Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) go to:  
[www.cru.org](http://www.cru.org)

## DAY 23: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

Read Acts 18:1-17

*Paul in Corinth*

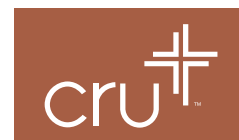
<sup>1</sup>After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup>And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup>And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup>for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup>And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

<sup>12</sup>But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, <sup>13</sup>saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” <sup>14</sup>But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. <sup>15</sup>But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” <sup>16</sup>And he drove them from the tribunal. <sup>17</sup>And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

### Pray for Short Term Missionaries, Josh & Tammy Hunt

Campus Crusade for Christ is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them out to build others. Josh and Tammy are missionaries to East Asia where they have lived and served since 2003. While they have had to return to the US due to border closures caused by COVID 19, they have continued to faithfully perform their CRU ministry roles via long distance.



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## **DAY 24: SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021**

### **Read Acts 18:18-23**

#### *Paul Returns to Antioch*

<sup>18</sup>After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. <sup>19</sup>And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup>When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. <sup>21</sup>But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

<sup>22</sup>When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

### **Pray for Short Term Missionary, Aaron Ramquist, and his work with Rock of Hope Church**

Rock of Hope is a church plant located in the Wisconsin Dells that was planted by Aaron in 2017 and continues to be pastored by him. Aaron's vision is to send ambassadors of the Gospel to places where Jesus is not yet known and then plant churches in those areas. He currently is involved in training church planters and helping to lay the foundations to plant another church in central Wisconsin.

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[www.dells.church](http://www.dells.church)**

