

Week 16:
Acts 17:1-15

ACTS²

Government and the Gospel

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 17:1-15

Acts 16:37-39
1 Thess 2:13-14
1 Thess 3:1-5
Romans 10:9
John 18:36
Romans 13:1-2

UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

Middle High School Quesadilla Break

Tonight at 6p via zoom.

Prayer Zoom Call

6pm tonight. A time to
pray with one of our
Elders and others.

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prayer, please email
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BIG IDEA:

The book of Acts shows how the Roman government and many officials responded to the commotion that the message of the Gospel was making in the world. Paul will suffer hardships at the hands of the government as well as experience its protection. Because of suffering at both the hands of the people and the government, Paul will start to relate the message of the Gospel in terms of our "Suffering Savior" because he understands that in the Christian life we will be subject to suffering.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Based on what has happened in Acts, why does Paul start using the language of Jesus as the "Suffering Savior?"

Where in the Old Testament do we see God's people suffer?

What was the purpose for the trials God's people went through in the Scriptures?

Where in Scripture do we see Jesus suffer? What was the purpose of His suffering?

Where in your life have you experienced suffering? Why do you think you had those experiences?

How does the Gospel speak into those past or current experiences of suffering?

How do we convey the idea that Christianity is not meant to be just a religious experience, but is actually the Creator setting everything right again in the person of Jesus?

Do you believe that Jesus is LORD?

How does Paul both live as a Roman citizen as well as a servant of LORD Jesus?

What does it look like for you to be a US citizen (under the authority of Federal, State, and local governments) as well as a citizen of the Kingdom of God?

Have you ever been asked to do something that dishonors God? Did you suffer for it?

How can we all be better ambassadors in our local areas to speak the truth that Jesus is LORD?

