

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Paul and Silas then traveled through the towns of Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was Paul's custom, he went to the synagogue service, and for three Sabbaths in a row he used the Scriptures to reason with the people. He explained the prophecies and proved that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead. He said, "This Jesus I'm telling you about is the Messiah." Some of the Jews who listened were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with many God-fearing Greek men and quite a few prominent women. But some of the Jews were jealous, so they gathered some troublemakers from the marketplace to form a mob and start a riot. They attacked the home of Jason, searching for Paul and Silas so they could drag them out to the crowd. Not finding them there, they dragged out Jason and some of the other believers instead and took them before the city council. "Paul and Silas have caused trouble all over the world," they shouted, "and now they are here disturbing our city, too. And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus." The people of the city, as well as the city council, were thrown into turmoil by these reports. So the officials forced Jason and the other believers to post bond, and then they released them.
Acts 17:1-9 NLT

Find this in our app.

Open the app, choose this message, then tap "Talk It Over."

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share something small or funny that upsets you.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- "Upset" means turning upside down. How do you think this definition represents following Jesus?
- Read **Acts 17:6**. Think about the impact Paul and Silas were making on the people around them. What qualities made them "upsetting" to the Jewish leaders?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- The Holy Spirit uses you just as you are, with the character traits and experiences you have, to impact those around you. Share some of the things that make you unique. What are some ways those qualities can serve others?
- Paul and Silas led the early Church by sharing their personal experiences with Jesus with others. How comfortable are you with sharing your story? What step could you take to share your stories with those around you?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, You are upsetting in the best way possible. We ask for bold faith to share Your Good News with the people You've placed around us. Lead us and guide us as we seek to share Your goodness with the world. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Think of one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus. How could you connect with that person this week?
- Start the *Upset the World* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/upset
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.