



Turn The World Upside Down

“¹Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica where there was a synagogue of the Jews ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining 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.” - Acts 17:1-3 (ESV)

Paul’s Evangelism Strategy:

1. Paul **reasoned** from the Scriptures.
2. Paul **proclaimed** Jesus.
3. Paul **identified** the Jesus of history with the Christ of Scripture.

“⁴And 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.” - Acts 17:4 (ESV)

Life doesn’t always go as planned:

“⁵But 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. ⁶And 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, ⁷and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.” - Acts 17:5-9 (ESV)

“Radical obedience to Christ is not easy; it is dangerous. It is not smooth sailing aboard a luxury liner; it is sacrificial duty aboard a troop carrier. It’s not comfort, not health, not wealth, not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its rewards in Christ. And he is more than enough for us.” – David Platt

“When Christianity really goes into action it must cause a revolution both in the life of the individual and in the life of society.” – William Barclay

“...we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. ⁸ We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. ⁹ Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.” – 1 Thess. 2:7-12 (NIV 1984)

“We could turn the world upside down if we would truly care for and serve people.” – Dr. Jay Passavant

I’m turning the world upside down by doing this one thing:

Small Group Questions

1. Read Acts 17:1-10 and 1Thessalonians side by side.
2. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith? How so?
3. How does your ministry compare to 1Thessalonians 2:1-12?
4. Where could you and/or your small group go to proclaim Jesus and care for people? How can North Way help you with that?