

Session 3

Mental Engagement

Tale of Two Cities

Thessalonica – Acts 17:2-4

Few Jews and many Greeks believed

Berea – Acts 17:10-12

Many Jews and Greeks believed



IDEA: We must have prepared hearts and the right mental engagement to fully participate in the preaching process

1. Fair-Mindedness

- a. Open to new understandings from the Scriptures
- b. Opposite = closed mindedness

2. Readiness of Mind

- a. Eager to learn and hear, “rushing forward”
- b. Freedom from prejudice

3. Personal Study

- a. Regular exposure to God’s Word
- b. In-depth exposure to God’s Word
- c. Compare teaching to God’s Word

Since we all have access to the same “research material” we should fully engage our minds into the communication of God’s truth.

Area of Responsibility	Specific Responsibility of Hearer	Scriptural Support
The Heart		
	Believe in the Word of God	Mt. 13:1-23
	Put the Word of God as a priority	Mt. 13:1-23
The Mind		
	Have an open mind	Acts 17:11-12
	Have an eager mind	Acts 17:11-12
	Personally study the Scriptures	Acts 17:11-12