

AUDITORY EXULTATION

Acts 17:10-15 // May 8, 2022 AM

I. Incline your soul to the preached word.

II. Investigate the claims of the preached word.

III. Ingest the truths of the preached word.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Is preaching something we do after we worship, or is preaching itself worship?
2. Can you give an example of a time when you were eager to hear a particular speaker or performance? Why should our eagerness for preaching be even greater than our eagerness to hear our favorite speakers or musicians?
3. Read Psalm 119:36. How does this prayer relate to the Bereans' eagerness to hear and receive Paul's preaching? Why should we pray this prayer as well?
4. Should we be critical in our hearing of preaching? What is the difference between the critical disposition brought about by pride and that brought about by humility?
5. What do we mean when we speak of the perspicuity or clarity of Scripture? Why is this doctrine important and how does this account teach us it?
6. The Berean Jews believed the word (v. 12). What does it mean to believe? Why must we hear with faith?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I actively fighting against my sinful inclination toward selfish gain, and seeking by prayer and meditation to get a heart inclined toward the testimonies of God?
2. Do I approach preaching with a proud spirit of cynicism? Or do I humbly test the claims of preaching against the Word and gladly embrace it to the degree it accords with the Word?
3. Is my listening worship? Do I exult in God with my ears and my heart as the Bible is preached? Or do I view preaching as a passive matter for everyone but the preacher?