



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Thessalonica and Berea:*

Dealing with Jealousy

Text: Acts 17:1-15

Service Date: October 12, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What was one toy from your childhood that a friend had but your parents refused to buy for you? Do you think we still carry those same kinds of feelings into adulthood in different ways?
 - Take a moment to read Acts 17:1-15 as a group. From either the passage, Sunday sermon, or your Formation Journal devotions, how did God speak to your heart?
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Sermon Discussion

- Walking into group today, do you feel content in Christ or are you jealous of someone else's life right now? Be honest- what's been on your mind lately?
- When talking about jealousy, do you find it's uncomfortable to talk about when it involves individuals you know? Why do you think this is?
- Why do you think comparison is such a common trap?
- If you knew you could eliminate the struggle of jealousy by getting rid of most of your possessions and focusing only on Christ, would you?
- Have you ever been jealous of someone else's spiritual life—like their prayer habits, Bible knowledge, or joy in serving? How can we turn that jealousy into motivation rather than discouragement?
- Read Matthew 6:33. How does *seeking God's kingdom first* help us combat jealousy and grow in contentment?
- Can you name something specific God has done recently in your life for which you're thankful?
- Have you ever been forced to remember God's goodness in a really difficult situation? (If you feel comfortable, share what that looked like and how it helped you.)

- Are you intentional about practicing thanksgiving in your home or personal life? Why is gratitude important to model in our families and faith community (the church and small group)?
 - Why is it difficult for us to be grateful for the wins of others? How does celebrating the wins of others show the attitude of Christ?
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This Week's Action Response

- This week, find three opportunities to celebrate the win of someone else and encourage them! As a group, brainstorm practical ideas on how to do this—at work, at home, or at church.