

How to Find an Anchor For Your Life

Acts 17:10-12 (TEV)

¹⁰As soon as night came, the believers sent Paul and Silas to Berea. When they arrived, they went to the synagogue. ¹¹The people there were more open-minded than the people in Thessalonica. They listened to the message with great eagerness, and every day they studied the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was really true. ¹²Many of them believed; and many Greek women of high social standing and many Greek men also believed.

First, I will make this a _____ project.

“They listened to the message with great eagerness, and . . . they studied the Scriptures.”

Second, I will take time to read _____.

“They studied the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was really true.”

1 Timothy 4:6 (NASB), “You will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.”

Third, I will put my _____ into it.

“They listened to the message with great eagerness. . . .”

Here are three reasons to participate
“with great eagerness”—

Especially for the Believer:

A study of our beliefs helps me become a person of _____.

1 Timothy 3:9, Deacons “must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.”

Acts 16:5, “the churches were strengthened in the faith.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7, “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Especially for the Seeker:

A study of our beliefs helps me make up my _____.

Hebrews 6:19, “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul.”

For all of us:

A study of our beliefs helps us _____.

Mark 12:30 (NASB), “and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

T-I-M-E

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Discussion Questions

The first commitment is: “I will make this a group project.” Let’s get to know each other. Tell us

- Your name
- How long have you lived here?
- When did God become more than just a name to you?
- If you could ask God one question and you knew he would answer, what would it be?

The second commitment is: “I will take time to study the Bible.” The Bible describes a believer’s hope in forgiveness and eternal life as “an anchor for the soul” (Hebrews 6:19). How can faith be like an “anchor”?

When Bono was asked about his Christian faith, the front man for the band U2 said, “I’m the sort of character who’s got to have an anchor. I want to be around immovable objects.” Does that resonate with you?

The third commitment is: “I will put my heart into it.” The talk covered three reasons why this Course is valuable: it helps me be a person of godly influence; it helps me make up my mind about the faith, it helps me love God. What are you hoping to get out of the Course?

This Week’s Assignment

Read Chapters 1-4 in *The Anchor Course*

Welcome to the Anchor Course Introduction

