“TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN!”
Message 1 of 5 in the Sermon Series “The Best Yes—Identifying & Investing In Who God Created You to Be”

Set the Scene

1. _______________ 1 – Thessalonica: The capital of Macedonia and one of the most important cities in ancient Greece, with nearly 250,000 people.

2. _______________ 2 – Synagogue: A Jewish place of learning, which needed 10 Jewish men to be established in a community. Established during the Israeli exile, its primary purpose was learning and discussion of the Old Testament Law.

3. _______________ 3 – Jesus is the Messiah: The message that the fulfillment and purpose of the Law had been accomplished through Jesus!
   • Fulfillment & Purpose of Law: To _______________ 4 people to God in a life-giving and life-transforming relationship!

When _______________ 5 began to hear the story and follow Jesus, this massive city was dramatically impacted!

4. _______________ 6 – They’ve turned the world Upside Down!

Acts 17:6 [NKJV] —“But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

NOTICE: This wasn’t the church’s mission statement about itself, this was the community’s view of the church’s _______________ 7!

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Acts does not tell us much about what happened in Thessalonica, but Paul’s _______________ 8 to the church reveal some key things.

Key #1: The message of Jesus came with power, the Holy Spirit, and deep _______________ 9.

It’s one thing to hear about it, another thing to speak about it, but a powerful thing to _______________ 10 about it!

Our spiritual umbilical cord is the _______________ 11 _______________ 12.
“deep conviction” – Being cut to the heart...enough to _____________

It feels great to feel _____________ when you know that God is working!

Key #2: The church responded with purpose and _____________.

The only way a city of 250,000 would know what was going on in a place that started with 10 men would be if that small place did some _____________ things...a little bit at a time.

The work, the _____________, and the consistency of the church in Thessalonica captured the attention of the world!

Key #3: The church was _____________ to focus on 3 things.

The church was able to turn the world upside down because each individual had an _____________ focus.

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If we will focus IN, OUT, and UP we’ll _____________ before Jesus having run our race well!

ADDITIONAL NOTES