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For Sunday, January 18th "Engaging Scripture"

2 Timothy 3:14-17 – NIV

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Acts 17:10-15 – NIV

¹⁰ As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹² As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

¹³ But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. ¹⁴ The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. ¹⁵ Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

Takeaway: Our identity is shaped as we actively engage with Scripture.

Questions:

1. What's a book, movie, TV series or story you've *eagerly* consumed recently, and why did it capture your attention?
2. In Acts 17:10-11, we're told the Bereans "received the message with great eagerness." What does it look like for us to receive God's Word eagerly today?
3. In Acts 17, the Athenians questioned, debated, and even mocked Paul's message. In Corinth, people struggled with how his teaching fit with their daily lives. Both examples show different ways people wrestle with God's Word. How do you respond when Scripture challenges your thinking, assumptions, or actions?
4. Our takeaway this week is Our identity is shaped as we actively engage with Scripture. What is one practical step you can take to actively engage with Scripture?

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