**How to Eat a Sermon**

**Week 6: Chewing it Over**

**Listening to sermons with receptive skepticism**

**Appetizer:**

What is your favorite type of chewy food (a big thick steak, a crusty loaf of bread, a piece of Laffy Taffy candy…)?

**Main Course:**

1. Read Acts 17:10-15. Why was it important that the Bereans listened with both “great eagerness” and an “examining” focus? What would happen if they did one but not the other?
2. The Bereans received the Word and believed. The Thessalonican Jews were agitated and started a riot. How can people look at the same thing and get different results?
3. What do you need to do before Sunday morning and after Sunday morning to be like a Berean?
4. Is it bad to be skeptical? Does that show a lack of faith? Why or why not?
5. What part does prayer play in this?
6. Who is someone you know that really “chews on” the Word? What do you admire about them? What can you learn from them?

**To-Go Bag: Do one of these application activities if you are able.**

Double-check – On your own, read the sermon text from today. Use a concordance, [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com), a commentary, or other Bible reference tools. Are you finding support for what was preached in the sermon or is there areas of concern?

Dig in – Read your Bible or other books that explain the attributes or characteristics of God. Does what was said in the sermon fit with what you know about who God is?

Pray – Each day this week, ask God to deepen your love for His Word and ask Him to draw you closer to Jesus.

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