

**ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 15/02/09**  
**“Advice to a young church: the power of the resurrection”**

Read Acts 17:1-10

1. The church in Thessalonica exploded into life & for those who chose to believe it changed everything (Acts 17:14). This new Christian community had to throw away the old & embrace a new worldview based upon the truth of the resurrection. In what way does this challenge us about our worldview & how does an understanding of the resurrection impact the way in which we live?
2. Paul’s message caught the ire & jealousy of the Jews to such an extent that the Thessalonians experienced “strong opposition” (1Thess 2:2) & even “severe suffering” (1Thess 1:6). In the same way the power of the resurrection also gives us boldness to face conflict today. Discuss some of the challenges that we must overcome when facing conflict? In what ways could God be asking you to step out & face conflict for his sake, both as individuals and even as a lifegroup?
3. Despite the power of Paul’s message he is forced to leave town (Acts 17:10). The Christian life is not only great times of celebration, but also there are times when it is dark & difficult. How can we grow in our ability to trust God more when facing times of darkness? What challenges are you facing at present and how could God use these to bring about growth?