



*Acts*

*Part Three*

THE CHURCH MULTIPLIES

# Today's Worship Service

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## PRAISE

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)*

Call To Worship

Exodus 15:1-2

"All Glory Be To Christ"

Kensrue

Welcome

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

Testimony of God's Work with Angel Platzler (*Royal Family Kids Camp*)

## RENEWAL

*As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)*

Prayer of Confession

From The Worship Sourcebook

Assurance of Grace

Romans 1:16

"Only A Holy God"

Smith, Robinson, Farren, Thompson

"Desert Song"

Fraser

Offering

## PROCLAMATION

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)*

Reading of the Word Acts 16:6-10 & 16:16-40

Danny D'Acquisto

*Reader: This is God's Word for us today.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

Preaching of the Word

Danny D'Acquisto, Director of Mission

## RESPONSE

*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)*

"What A Beautiful Name"

Fielding, Ligertwood

Benediction

Danny D'Acquisto

# Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

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After the Jerusalem Council, Paul and Barnabas set off on a second missionary journey that hardly goes as planned. Personal conflict, a change in destination, and a stint in jail mark this trip. But what we see is God's full control over all that happens and his using these events to further the kingdom.

## Discussion Questions

1. In 15:37-40, we see Paul and Barnabas get into a dispute and separate over it. Who do you think was right? Does it ultimately matter? How can this event give us a different perspective when thinking about conflicts and splits within the church?
2. Read 16:1-5. Why was it wise to have Timothy circumcised? Give examples of something similar we might do that isn't a biblical requirement of us but helpful in reaching a people group with the gospel.
3. In 16:6-10, we see Paul and Silas's sensitivity to God's leading them to Macedonia. What does being sensitive to the Lord's leading look like practically in our lives today? Should we expect visions as Paul experienced in the passage? Is this the norm? Explain.
4. In Philippi, we see the gospel cause conflict when they cast a demon out of a slave girl and it negatively affects the profits of her owners. In what ways does the gospel offend the sensibilities of our culture here in the United States? Share a story of a time where the gospel offended your sensibilities.
5. When you consider the stories in this passage, what encourages you the most? In what ways are you challenged? Spend time praying that we would have a greater trust in God's control over the mission of the church to spread the gospel.



# Sermon Notes

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**Preacher:** Danny D'Acquisto, Director of Mission

**Sermon:** God Shakes Up The World

**Scripture:** Acts 15:36-16:40

**Date:** April 22, 2018

***For more information on this topic look into:***

*Acts* by I. Howard Marshall

*Acts: A 12-Week Study* by Justin Holcomb

*The Spirit, the Church, and the World* by John Stott

# Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, Acts 17:1-34.

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## ***Context***

1. What has happened so far in the narrative?
2. Have there been any major events, characters or themes?
3. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

## ***Observation***

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

## ***Meaning***

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

## ***Application***

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*  
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

# Gatherings at Grace

*Gatherings are groups that come together for teaching, discussion and fellowship. We have groups for men, women, seniors, and mothers of preschoolers. These are great places to get to know people and develop discipleship relationships, maybe even get connected to a Life Group that you can join!*

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## **Seniors Bible Breakfast**

*Meets Thursdays, Noon - 2:00pm*

*Anyone age 50+ is welcome!*

Seniors Bible Brunch Ministry is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and connect with other seniors. Each week the group meets at Grace Church in the commons. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, each week is also a potluck brunch! We look forward to seeing you at our next Bible Brunch meeting! Questions? Contact Pastor Tim at [tblackburn@graceinracine.com](mailto:tblackburn@graceinracine.com) or call the church office.

## **Mother's of Preschoolers (MOPs)**

*Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9am - 11am*

*September - May*

Mother's of preschoolers join together and experience authentic community, mothering support, personal growth and spiritual hope, all to help you be the best mom possible. Moms enjoy a time of fellowship, food and encouragement while their young children (newborn to pre-kindergarten age) are watched by loving child care workers.

Questions?

Email: [mops@graceinracine.com](mailto:mops@graceinracine.com)

## **This Week at Grace**

### **Mon, April 23**

6:30pm: From the Pedestal to the Plate  
(Women's Care Group), Room A36

### **Tues, April 24**

6:30pm: Celebrate Recovery, The Loft

### **Wed, April 25**

6:30pm: Awana, Blaze

### **Thurs, April 26**

12:00pm: Seniors Bible Brunch

6:30pm: Women's prayer & exercise

### **Sat, April 28**

9:00am: GriefShare, Room A18

10am: A Stitch in Kind (Knitting Group)

## **Looking Ahead:**

Last Night of Awana..... May 2

Women's Communita & Coffee.... May 5

Child Dedication Class..... May 6

Men's Gathering..... May 12

Child Dedications..... May 20

Last Night of Blaze ..... May 23

# Announcements

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## ***Child Dedication***

Sunday, May 20 (*Required class May 6*)

If you'd like to dedicate your child to the Lord, learn more and register at: [graceinracine.com/child\\_dedication/](http://graceinracine.com/child_dedication/)

## ***Save the Date!***

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 25-29 and we need your help! Visit our table in the commons after the service to find out ways you can be involved with VBS or call Rachel at the church office!

## ***Your Help Is Sew Needed!***

Our fabric closet has been reorganized, but many of the fabrics we have could use hemming and laundering. If you are interested in taking a bolt or two home to freshen it up, please contact Janine at [jcarls@graceinracine.com](mailto:jcarls@graceinracine.com).

## ***Lead Pastor Update***

***Thank you for your continued prayers. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for both the elders and Pastor Mike as the interview process has begun.***

***It's our desire that the Lord's will will be done regarding the future of Grace, and your prayers are a big part of that coming to fruition. Please pray for us and Pastor Mike as we walk together through this process.***

## ***Women's Communita & Coffee***

***Saturday, May 5th, 9am - 11am***

Ladies, join us as Michelle Pflederer will be sharing with us the importance of gospel-centered hospitality!

## ***Mother's Day Drive for CareNet &***

***Youth for Christ Parent Life***

***Sunday, May 13th!***

Add diapers & baby wipes to your shopping list while at the store!

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***Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Matthew Babbington***

***Our heartfelt love, sympathy and prayers are extended to Chuck and Paula DuMars on the passing of Chuck's brother, Jack DuMars.***

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*Are you hurting? Everyone needs help from time to time. We're here to help. Contact the Care Team at 632.2111, [care@graceinracine.com](mailto:care@graceinracine.com)*

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***Last Week:*** Sanctuary Attendance: 259    Children's Nursery/Preschool Attendance: 52

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***Giving:***    Last Week: \$23,126    YTD: \$438,327    +/- Budget: \$-8,746