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Grace: A Beautiful Attraction

Acts 15

If you need a Bible, we're going to do our best to get you one, so if you slip your hands up, we'll see if these Bible carts can get past the lawn chair section right here. Isn't that great? We would let adults sit like that, but it would take a team of people to get them up when it's done, so that's fantastic. So glad to see you guys there down there.

We do want you to make one other note. A few weeks from today, November 13th, since we're putting five before in the service, we probably will start service around 10:45 instead of 10:50 so if we do move it in the service, if it's five before it'll just be five before, but if it's later in the service we still get you guys released on time. So if you'll make that note that would be great. We're going to start celebrating family Christmas together just a little bit early.

Last week we were in Acts 15, and this week we are in Acts 16, and this week I was in the grocery store, and I'm at a huge disadvantage, relatively new at Grace, so I don't know all of you yet, so you have the freedom and opportunity to mess with me in public all you want to. So one of our members pretending not to be a member walked up to me in a grocery store and said,

"Hey, are you that guy from Grace?" I said, "I'm one of them. What's up?" He said, "Well my neighbor came over after hearing you preach last week and told me I was a mess and the Bible said so." I said, "That's not exactly the point of what I..." So the individual looked at me and said, "Oh, I'm kidding. I'm from Grace. That was just great to be able to mess with you." So I punched him, and the security people came. Not really.

Also, if you want to know where in Europe Buddy is, just watch the news, and wherever a riot is breaking out, that's probably where he is...

If you haven't met me, I'm Scott, and we're in Acts 16, and we're going to dig in this week. To be honest I studied all week long, and it was about midweek where that thing you do every now and then when you read a familiar passage of Scripture, the Lord just highlighted it in a way I hadn't seen before, and really it's kind of wrecked and rocked me all at the same time, and I hope it'll do that for us, but I do want to tell you we designed today a little bit uniquely on purpose.

We believe worship is a rhythm of revelation and response, and we're going to be in the Word now, but you're also going to be in the Word in just a little bit as Aaron comes to lead us in worship. There's no separation between the two, so we're going to ask you to continue to contemplate and think on how the Lord is speaking to you from the Word as we worship and connect those two elements because this is worship in the Word, and in a few moments, he's going to come and continue that, to lead us in worship through our time together as we declare our praises to God. So just kind of get ready for that. That's what's coming.

I really would love it if you would just read the paragraph at the top of this page, *Grace: A Beautiful Attraction*, Acts 16. Last week you were a beautiful mess; this week you walk away with better news, a beautiful attraction. Isn't that great? You need to be reminded Grace is a beautiful mess. Just look beside you. That'll confirm it. So here we go.

"The Book of Acts isn't a story; it is a journey! Paul is one of the heroes of the book, but it isn't about Paul's journeys alone. It isn't about a human journey at all. It is the journey of the gospel through the church! Pentecost birthed the church and unleashed the gospel on the earth in Jerusalem. In the short story of this book, the gospel journeyed from Jerusalem through Asia and all the way to Rome."

Just in the few chapters we have in the book of Acts it got that far, from Jerusalem to Rome through Asia. "The bigger journey is for the gospel to go through Snellville, Georgia, to all the nations. Acts 16 is a short version of the bigger story. Every element of the bigger story can be seen in miniature..."

Now last week we started out by showing you a map of the biblical world and the influence of Christianity on that map. The first picture we showed you, there was just a little bit of yellow representative of the places where Christianity was known to be, and it's up there now. You can see just a little bit of Christianity in AD 45. The era we're reading about is just a little past that time. Twenty years later, in AD 65, you can see the yellow move forward, and then 260 years past that, Christianity spread over that whole map.

We're asking God to do that through this church in this community and around and to the nations, and we're asking Him to do that through you. If God were to do that, thanks to Google, this is what it would look like in the next couple of weeks. There'd be a few dots speckled across the map, and then maybe in a few months it might look like this because of your influence away from here, and then maybe in a few years it'll look like this. Can we just ask God to do that? Wouldn't we love to see the Lord do that? We want to be a part of it.

Well Acts 16 is unique. It's a story and it has characters in it, but the hero will be revealed at the end of this story. You have the big truth from Acts 16 on your sheet. The big truth is...*The gospel moves to people through people.* That's a phrase you heard last week. We want to make sure we camp on it this week. The big truth from Acts 16 is the gospel moves to people through people, and there are two big questions from Acts 16 for you and me right now today.

1. *Has the gospel moved to you yet?* Has it moved to you yet? If it hasn't, then by faith you can respond to finished work of Christ, who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, had a three-year ministry where He taught everything that's absolutely essential as captured for us in the Gospels of what He taught in those three years, the activity of the early days of the spread and the movement of His influence on a few key people, and He died on a cross He didn't deserve because He didn't sin, and that death on a cross, His blood paid the price for our sins.

When that price was paid for our sins, three days later He rose from the grave, demonstrating He had power over sin, death, and the grave, and that power is available to you and me if we step into faith leaning into Jesus to be the only One who can save us, the Lord of our life. Then the

gospel can move to us and he said, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be..." What? Now it wasn't *some, part of, special conditions*. It wasn't small print. It was *all* who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. The gospel can move to you, and even better yet the second question is...

2. *Who is the gospel moving to through you?* So here we go in Acts 16. We're literally just going to read a section and make a statement so we see the narrative in this chapter, and my guess is on the front end of this is that you and I fit into this narrative somewhere. We are one of these characters, or we're in one of these situations. So we're going to read first Acts 16:1-5. You guys read along with me.

"Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium." (Acts 16:1-2) Now remember in 15, we have this story about people wanting to require circumcision. In order for you to get into Christianity you have to go through the Old Testament to get to the New Testament. The apostles and the elders met with Paul and Silas and said, "Absolutely no way."

Paul and Barnabas went. Silas, some of the others were gathered there. That's not how you get in. you get in by faith alone, and when you have a relationship with Christ live a holy life. So that was last week. Circumcision not required. Unfortunately for Timothy in verse 3 this is what we read.

"Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek." (Acts 16:3) Now in Acts 15, it just said circumcision wasn't required. Poor Timothy, right? "I mean, it's not required, but you're circumcising me anyway? Why?"

Paul used that stumbling block mentality. "We're in a culture filled with Jews. We don't want to be a stumbling block from the gospel getting to them, so we're going to do this even though it's not required. We could play on our rights and say you don't have to, but I think it's just best to go ahead and do this." Man, poor Timothy, right?

That we could lay down our rights to make sure there's no obstacle being laid in front of the gospel moving to other people through us because of some element in our life, let's lay down every obstacle that hinders the progress, the advance, the movement of the gospel through us to others. Timothy paid a painful price right there in verse 3.

Verse 4: "As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem." (Acts 16:4) Now not only did Timothy have to not be a stumbling block and get circumcised, but the message he was taking to the cities was, "By the way, the guys in Jerusalem said you don't have to be circumcised. I did, but you don't have to."

If that'd been you or me, we'd be saying, "I had to. Hey, you have to too." That's what we would've done, but you delivered the message from Acts 15, and delivered their decisions that it's only by grace you get into the kingdom.

Verse 5: "So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers..." How often? "...daily." (Acts 16:5) Now surely that's a misprint, right, because we know we only increase in numbers on Sundays, right? That's what happens in the church. Our numbers are better this week than last week. That's what we count, but for the early church, their numbers increased how often? Daily.

That meant what happened when we gathered together was so rich and powerful that when we left it actually affected people outside the doors of the church. That would be an amazing thing, wouldn't it? That would be an amazing thing if the most outstanding thing people could say about Grace is, "Man, those church members love Jesus, and they spread Him all over the place." Wouldn't that be great? Man, we want to hear that.

So, here's the summary statement of verses 1-5: It's to the right of what you see on the left. *The growth of the gospel* is verses 1-5. *The gospel was on the move*. We saw a map where it started in one place and it literally moved from that place to other people, to other places. How did it move? It moved through people to other places. It didn't take geographical ground; it took the ground of human hearts, and it was seen in your life, and it spread to the people around you, and that's the way it went. So the gospel was on the move.

We're going to keep going. Look at verses 6 and 7. We're reading through this flying by and focusing a little at the end. Verse 6: "And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus..." What? "...did not allow them [to go in]." (Acts 16:6-7)

The Spirit didn't allow them. So let me get this straight. Paul had a heart for the gospel and for the advance of the gospel. They saw it in verses 1 through 5. He looked at other cities and said, "I want to go there," but the Spirit stopped him and said, "No."

Now this doesn't seem to make any sense to us, but many of us are in places in our lives where God has given us a heart for something but the doors aren't opening. Has anyone besides me ever been in that place? Yeah. This is something I want to make as the summary statement on verses 6 and 7 to the right...*Unopened doors, closed doors, equal gospel advance*. I want that to sink in. That's a big part of this story.

So I want you guys to tell me what's on the other side of the equal. Closed doors equal...what? Okay now say it like you're with me. Closed doors equal...what? You think, *How could that happen?* Some of you look back on your life, and you'll see some closed doors, and you now have the perspective of time and look back and go, *Oh, I now understand that closed door. I see what God did as a result of it.*

Okay, we'll now go on to verses 8-10. Let's see if those doors close what happens next. Verse 8: "So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." (Acts 16:8-10)

Okay, if you're at the point of a closed door in your life, here's the challenge: Pray, seek God's Word, seek godly counsel, and ask, seek, and knock on the doors of heaven. "God, where do You want us to go? If this door is closed, where do You want us to go? What do You want to happen next? Lord, what do we want to do?" In Paul's case, he did that so effectively that in a dream, in a vision in the night, a man from Macedonia showed up and said, "Hey, come on."

Now God will tell you through His Word. He will tell you as you pray, but if He doesn't tell you in that way, there is no inhibitor for Him to get your attention. How many of you God has really gotten your attention at some point in your life in a way that doesn't seem obvious to anybody else? Has that happened to you? Absolutely. It happens all the time. So the summary statement on verses 8-10...*open doors equal gospel advance*. All right, I'm going to say what's on the left side; you say what's on the right side. See if you're with me this time. Open doors equal...what? Closed doors equal...what? Why? Because the gospel is on the move, and it still is. It still is today.

Now we're going to read verses 11-15. We're going to see why God opened the door for Paul. Why did God open that door for Paul? Verse 11: "So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct

voyage to Samothrace..." (Acts 16:11) That's a fun word. Say that. Samothrace. Let's say it together. Samothrace. Great name for your next child if you have one. "...and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of..." What? "...Macedonia..." (Acts 16:11-12) "We need your help over here," in a vision. "We're going to Macedonia." They show up at Macedonia. What happens in Macedonia?

"...the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside..." (Acts 16:12-13) Why did they go to the riverside? Because most of the time when they'd go to a city, they'd go to a synagogue. When there wasn't a synagogue, the people would meet, when there weren't 10 men, the people would meet near a river, and so that's why they went to the riverside.

So people who gathered there were Jews for worship and for teaching, but also God-fearing Gentiles would go who were considering the one true God of the nation of Israel. There we see enter the story a woman named Lydia who was a seller of purple. Now a seller of purple meant you were fairly wealthy. It meant you lived in a region where... This wasn't Home Depot. You can't go to Home Depot at Macedonia at this time and just get whatever color of paint you want. You just can't do that.

So if you were going to have something that was purple, you had to live near the sea where there's a particular type of crustacean. You had to know how to get the substance from them that caused purple, and there was just a little bit of it, so there had to be a whole lot of it, and then you

would make, you would dye the fabric purple, and when you would do that, one of the things they would say is that purple fabric costs as much as silver.

So people who wanted to say, "I'm important," would wear purple so the people who sold purple were wealthy, wealthy people. So enter the equation in Philippi, in Macedonia, Lydia. Verse 13: "And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named..." What? "...Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of..." What? "...purple goods, who was a worshiper of God." (Acts 16:13-14) That's a God-fearer. She hadn't converted to Judaism yet, but she was a God-fearer. She was learning about Him.

Watch this. "The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.' And she prevailed upon us." (Acts 16:14-15)

What's significant about this? Macedonia, Philippi: There's a letter later in the New Testament. What's it called? Philippians. Lydia was the hinge, the door, that opened in Europe for the gospel and the Philippian church she was highly involved in. She was a key lay leader in that church, and the gospel went out. That was one of Paul's very favorite churches. Hard to tell between Ephesus and Philippi which one was his favorite, but that was one of Paul's very favorite churches.

So a dream says, "Come over here and help us in Macedonia," and an out fortress, an outcropping for the gospel was established in Philippi. That's why that happened. Okay so "D" *open heart*, verses 11-15, *Lydia saved equals... what?* I didn't cue you that time, so you have to come with me now. *Lydia saved equals... what?* Open doors equal... what? Closed doors equal... what? Because the gospel is on the move.

Now keep going. We're going to go right past this. Verse 16: This is where it gets a lot of fun. Have any of you ever obeyed God and you got in trouble for it? Anybody? I'm watching. Every time my kids get in trouble they say, "God told me to do it." No, I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about serious, for real. This is what's about to go down.

Verse 16, and we're going really step into this: "As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.'" (Acts 16:16-17)

Now watch how cool it is that the gospel is on the move. When God needs you to have a front man, and your name is Paul, and you're spreading the gospel all over this part of the world, He just goes and picks on a demon-possessed girl who tells fortunes to run in front of you and say, "Hey, these people follow God and they're about to tell you how to get saved." Isn't that cool?

It was a dream over there. Now it's a demon-possessed woman, and a demon-possessed woman is participating in the advance of the gospel, but actually probably not really. She was probably

stirring the crowd up a little bit, but it'd be cool to have a demon-possessed front man if you were preaching the gospel. It wouldn't be a bad thing.

That wasn't really the point. Look at verse 18. "And this she kept doing for many days." (Acts 16:18) This is the funniest phrase in this chapter to me. I just laughed reading this all week long. "Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour." (Acts 16:19)

Paul got ticked off and cast the demon out. He was annoyed. "Why'd you cast the demon out?" "She was ticking me off." She was declaring everything in a way that probably was causing enough disturbance that it was actually hindering the advance of the gospel, but I've never noticed somebody getting annoyed and so therefore they perform ministry that way. That's just crazy to me.

I think about that. How many of you would love the freedom to cast demons out of things that annoy you? Anybody? The Atlanta commute would be so fun, wouldn't it? All of sudden, instead of honking horns and gridlock, you look up and people are waving out the window. "Hey, how's it going?" Just happy in Jesus. No, you don't get the freedom to do that. So man, it's crazy.

Verse 19: "But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, 'These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.' The crowd joined in

attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks." (Acts 16:19-24)

So with the demon-possessed girl, here's what happened: Paul got put in jail, but when Paul got put in jail, that equals...what? Very good. You're getting better. I'm going to work with you. Paul in jail equals...what? Are you seeing all these different circumstances? The gospel is on the move. Closed doors mean gospel advance. Open doors mean gospel advance. Somebody getting saved means gospel advance. Paul in jail. How in the world could that mean gospel advance? He's in stocks in verse 24, and we move on to verse 25 and continue to read about Paul in jail.

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them..." (Acts 16:25) So if you were obeying God and you got thrown into jail and you were praying and praising God and prisoners were listening to you, what's happening? Gospel advance. That's right. Ministry is not about geography. If you're in jail, advance the gospel; God has not forsaken you.

If you're in your neighborhood, advance the gospel. If you have closed doors, advance the gospel. Open doors; advance the gospel. If your neighbor gets saved, advance the gospel. It's not about geography. It's not about circumstance.

Verse 26: "...and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'" (Acts 16:26-30)

The man who's in charge of keeping people in prison is asking Paul, "How do I get out of the prison of my own sin? I don't know who you are, I don't know why you praise God in cells, I don't know why you pray in cells, everybody else would think God had forsaken them, but because you do, this earthquake came and I have no idea why when the doors opened you didn't take off running." How many of you would've taken off running? Just look. I would've. Not Paul. Paul is different than you and me, but he's not in that he has Christ, he has faith in Christ alive in him.

Paul didn't run, and that saved the jailer's life. He was going to take his own life. Paul says, "Everybody's here. It's not just us. Everybody's still here." Have you ever been a part of a movement of God or a moment with God that was so powerful you just didn't know what to do? You were kind of paralyzed? Has that ever happened to you? Man, it has happened to me on a few occasions where I just didn't know how to respond to what God was doing, so I just sat there.

Those people in prison just sat there, but it freed the jailer, and it brought him to the point of wanting to know Jesus. So letter "F," *jailer's breakthrough*. You should be ready. *Paul set free equals... what?* Paul in jail equals...what? Lydia saved equals...what? Open doors equal...what? Closed doors equal...what? Why? Because the gospel is on the move.

Verse 31: "And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family." (Acts 16:31-33)

A whole household got saved because closed doors led to open doors, led to people being saved, led to a demon-possessed girl screaming out that Paul cast out, that led to Paul getting thrown in jail, that led to Paul praising God and praying in jail, led to an earthquake, the doors flew open, the jailer was going to kill himself, led to Paul saying, "No, don't kill yourself," led to him and his whole household being saved and baptized. You can't put this in a Hollywood script, folks. You can't make this up. Man, the whole household believed in God.

Verse 35: "But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, 'Let those men go.'" (Acts 16:35) I bet they did! "They're damaging our prisons. Let them go." "And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, 'The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.'" (Acts 16:36)

Now how many of you would have to be talked into leaving? Not me, but again Paul is a different brand of cat. I don't understand it. "But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.'" (Acts 16:37) Do you see what's happening? "Get out of our town. You're causing too much trouble."

"No, we're not going to leave. We're just going to stay in jail. If you want us to get out, come release us yourself. The way you put us in here publically take us out publically." Why would Paul do that? It wasn't because Paul wanted to win and he wanted the magistrates to lose; it was because he wanted an entire city and region to see that the God, the Judge of the universe, is good and right and more powerful than any judge on this earth. That's what Paul wanted.

So as a result, he said, "Absolutely not! I'm not coming out." Now why would they do what Paul said? Because there's a power in the gospel. There's an anointing in the gospel they can't compete with. So Paul said, "You come take us out."

Verse 38: "The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were..." What? What does it say in your Bible? "...afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. So they came and..." What? What does it say in your Scripture? "...apologized to them." (Acts 16:38-39) So they were afraid and they apologized to them. They said, "We're really sorry for all this mess about putting you in prison and everything, and you don't have to get an earthquake to crush our house or anything. I mean, we're just really, really sorry."

"And they took them out and asked them to leave the city." (Acts 16:39) "Okay, we're taking you out in front of everybody. Now would you please, would you please, pretty please with sugar on top, leave our city?" That's the way it went. So did Paul do that? Sort of. Passive aggressive here.

Verse 40: "So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia." "We're just going to take our time as we're leaving the city. We'll go by and say hi to Lydia because she just got saved and there's going to be a church in her house. She doesn't know about it yet, but there's going to be, so we're going to see her."

"So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed." (Acts 16:40) So finally the magistrates got what they wanted, right? Well not really. The politicians caved in. So Paul was in charge, and when Paul is in charge, that equals...what? That's right. Because the gospel is on the move.

There are closed doors, opened doors, people get saved, people get thrown in jail, people get set free, and God ultimately gives His church authority to do what? To advance the gospel to all nations so we can make disciples, so we can baptize them and teach them starting in your neighborhood, starting on your ball team and your school campus because last week you were a beautiful mess, but this week what God wants you to see is that you're the beautiful attraction in this world to Him.

When people see change in your life, they absolutely don't know how to respond to it, and that draws us to Him. So here's the summary of Acts, the story of Acts 16 continues: Paul was *not* the

hero of Acts 16. If we were reading this as a literary work, he obviously would be, but there's a bigger hero in Acts 16. The hero of Paul's journey is the gospel. If you've received it, it's the hero in your journey that Jesus did for you what you could not do for yourself.

Not only that, but the gospel journey didn't stop in Rome. How many of you are glad the gospel didn't stop in Rome or on that first set of maps? It didn't stop. For 2,000 years, the gospel has been moving to people through people. It has crossed ponds and oceans and seas and generation after generation after generation after generation, and then you showed up, and now because of what Christ has done in you if you've received the gospel, you're in it too. The gospel didn't stop in Rome.

Last thought: The gospel doesn't have any intention of stopping with you either. The gospel has no intention of stopping with you. God's heart's desire is that we would get freed up in a way that would release His power and that we would see a map completely consumed with the geography of human hearts who see how beautiful it is.

So here this is for you. Aaron and the band are coming, and they are absolutely going to lead us to continue to dwell on these thoughts. Do you see the gospel on the move? Are you standing at closed doors? Are you standing at opened doors? Are you seeing people saved? Are you seeing people in bondage? God wants to set us free. He wants to put us in charge, not for ourselves but for Him. So where are you?

The beauty of this story is that through faith and repentance in the finished work of Christ, He comes alive in you and me. When He does, He changes you from a beautiful mess to a beautiful attraction to Him for the whole world, or at least the world closest to you, to see. The gospel is still on the move, and we get to be a part of the movement. Isn't that great news? You get to be a part of the movement. Let's take some of the map this week. Let's take some of the map of your own heart as we worship and respond to the revelation of God. Let's give Him room to do what He wants to do.

Let's pray: Jesus, we love You and we long to be a part of the continuing movement of the gospel. It's the hero of our story. It's the hero of the book of Acts. The gospel's on the move in the book of Acts from Jerusalem to Rome, and now it's on the move from Snellville to the uttermost parts of the earth. Thank You for letting us be a part of Your movement.

We ask by Your grace now when we respond to the truth we've heard in faith through repentance that You would revolutionize our lives and our hearts, You'd revolutionize, transform us as a congregation so that You can transform this community and take ground in human hearts for the kingdom, in Jesus' name, amen.