



*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

Hebrews 12:1-2

“By Faith”

Getty, Townend

Welcome & Announcements

Rachel Menke, Director of Childrens/  
Women's Ministries

The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference Commissioning

## RENEWAL

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

“Sing Your Glory”

D'Acquisto, Leonard, Matheson, Poore

Prayer of Confession

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

Assurance of Grace

Josh Poore

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Excell, Giglio, Newton,  
Rees, Tomlin

“Here I am to Worship”

Hughes

Offering

## PROCLAMATION

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

Reading of the Word

Acts 26:1-26

Nolan Bratt

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

## RESPONSE

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

“Christ Is Risen”

Fields, Maher

Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

# 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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Similar to last week, Paul is in custody and is placed in a position to defend the faith before powerful people. His insistence on being tried in Roman courts was keeping him safe from the dangers of Jerusalem but detained for the foreseeable future. The proclamation of a gospel with a resurrected Jesus and the inclusion of the Gentiles was scandalous and would carry him all the way to the great city of Rome.

## Discussion Questions

1. Throughout this passage, we see Paul on trial because of the gospel he proclaims. How often do you consider and pray for those around the world who face legal consequences for their Christian convictions? In what ways is Christianity on trial in our own culture?
2. Take some time to look through this week's text. What are some things that you notice in the way Paul handles himself? Have you ever been in a situation where you had to defend your faith? How did you handle yourself?
3. As we see in Paul's preaching and mission, the resurrection of Jesus requires a response in our own lives. In what ways did you live in darkness before you responded to Jesus? What were the first things that changed about you when God opened your eyes?
4. Paul finds himself on trial because of Christianity's inclusivity. What is gospel inclusivity and do you believe our church possesses it? In what ways can we improve in this area?
5. Lastly, Paul's life demonstrates that the resurrection of Jesus must be proclaimed. In light of what we believe, why does having a 'private' Christian faith fail to make sense? In what areas of your life have you been faithful to proclaim the good news? In what aspects of your life have you kept your faith private? Spend time praying for each other in these things

# In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

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1. What does Paul say when he is before Festus and how does Festus respond?
2. What is King Agrippa's family history when it comes to God's people?
3. What happens when Festus and King Agrippa meet?
4. What happens when Paul is before the King? What is the outcome afterwards?
5. What claim is at the center of Paul's defense and has been the central truth running throughout this book?
6. What are three implications of the resurrection that we see from Paul's trial?

# Sermon Notes

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**Preacher:** Pastor Mike Matheson

**Sermon:** Paul on Trial, Again!

**Scripture:** Acts 25:1-26:32

**Date:** June 10, 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 27:1-28:31.

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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)

# Lead Pastor Update

Process Summary, Candidate Highlights and Next Steps.

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Grace Church,*

After a thorough interview process and much prayer, the Elder Council is excited to recommend Pastor Mike Matheson as the next Lead Pastor of Grace Church. You can view highlights from the process on Realm, at the information booth, or call our church office to request a copy.

We would like to invite you to attend a congregational meeting (open to all) on **June 10th (today), immediately following service**. Elders, Pastor Mike, and Katie will answer presubmitted questions at this meeting.

In addition, this will serve as official notice of a member meeting on **Sunday, JUNE 24th at 11:00 AM** (immediately following service) to vote on calling Pastor Mike Matheson to the Lead Pastor position at Grace Church. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only members can vote. Please make every effort to be there for this important vote. **There is no voting by proxy or by mail.**

Thank you so much for your prayers, patience, and input along the way. We look forward to this process culminating after service on June 24th, as the membership of Grace Church votes on calling Pastor Mike to the Lead Pastor role.

With joy and thanksgiving,

*Grace Church Elder Council*

Matt Hagemann, Chair (mdhagemann@gmail.com) | Clint Klepp, Vice Chair  
Bob Gullberg | Dennis Post | Jim Murray | Mick Mainland | Nick Ringger  
Pastor Cole Griffin

## **Important Dates and Times**

**TODAY!** Q&A Session (*immediately following service*)

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# Announcements

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## ***Donuts with Dad!***

Join us in celebrating dads next Sunday and enjoy a donut!

## ***Vacation Bible School***

June 25 - 29 // 9am - Noon

All VBS SECRET MISSIONS are due next Sunday, June 17! If you have not yet turned in your items please either bring them to the church office this week or to church next Sunday.

Registration is now open! Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) and click on the slide for "In His Majesty's Service" to register your K - 5th grader (as of Fall 2018).

## ***Grace Seniors (50+) Picnic***

Our Grace Seniors ministry is celebrating the end of another year of study and fellowship together by having a picnic at noon on Thursday June 21. All Seniors are welcome to attend. Special guests will be retired Grace missionaries to Brazil, Dick and Beth Rabenhorst. To sign up for this picnic and indicate what food you will bring, contact Barb Scott at the Info Center or by phone at 262-886-8711.

## ***Membership & Baptism Class***

Our membership process involves attending a Saturday morning membership class. This class gives you an opportunity to really learn what makes us tick (our beliefs, our core values, our organizational structure, etc.). The class takes you through an in depth look at our 4 Core Values: Equipping, Worshiping, Community, and Mission. After the class, if you decide you would like to become a member, you will be able to sit down with an Elder who will get to know you, hear your story, and answer any last questions you might have about Grace.

Combined with this Membership Class will be Baptism Class. If you're interested in being baptized at Grace Church, you will need to attend this class.

- **Meets:** Sat., June 23, 9am - Noon
- **Next Baptism Opportunity:** Sunday, July 15th
- **Register at [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com)**

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***Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged:*** Geri Baublatt, Ken Kotes

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***Last Week:*** Sanctuary Attendance: 557 Children's Nursery/Preschool Attendance: 115

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***Giving:*** Last Week: \$16,081 YTD: \$655,086 +/- Budget: \$-10,696