

182 Years of Gospel Advancement and Counting Dr. Landon Dowden June 30, 2024 | Acts 25:13-26:32

Passage in a Sentence: Father, advance Your gospel in us and through us, for the good of our neighbors and the nations and for Your glory!

I. GRATEFUL FOR 182 YEARS OF GOSPEL-ADVANCING MINISTRY

- a. Our church was started and has been sustained for the glory of God and the good of our community.
- b. God is glorified most and our community is served best when the Spirit advances the gospel in us and through us.
- c. Why the gospel is still needed in Gwinnett, Georgia, and the Globe (Acts 26:18)

II. CONSIDER PAUL'S FAITH JOURNEY

- a. By the revealed Scriptures, Paul knew Christ was coming (Acts 26:4-8, 22-23)
- b. By the resurrected Christ, Paul was confronted and converted (Acts 26:9-15)
- c. By the reigning Christ, Paul was commissioned (Acts 26:16-21)
- d. By the resident Christ, Paul was comforted and courageous calling all to repent (Acts 26:22-29)

III. CONTINUE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

- a. Always be ready to share about Christ (Acts 25:23-26:1)
- b. Always remember who we were without Christ
- c. Always rejoice in the resurrected and saving Christ
 - i. Why were you convinced?
 - ii. When were you converted?
 - iii. How have you been changed?
- d. Always rely on Christ to share the gospel with as many people as possible
 - i. By the Spirit's power, share the gospel clearly
 - ii. By the Spirit's power, share the gospel compassionately and courageously
 - iii. By the Spirit's power, share the gospel continuously

IV. REACHING GWINNETT, GEORGIA, AND THE GLOBE WITH THE GOSPEL

- a. People need spiritual help (Acts 26:18)
- b. Christ is their only hope (Acts 26:22-23)
 - i. In the Scriptures, He is revealed
 - ii. From the grave, He was resurrected
 - iii. In heaven now, He is reigning
- c. We are not here and now by accident (Acts 17:25-26)
- d. May the Lord use us however He sees best (Acts 26:30-32)