

**Grace Community Church
Seek and Share
March 29, 2026**

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **Read Acts 17:1-11.** Notice how Paul and Silas did not let rejection and retaliation keep them from sharing the gospel. Recall the Egnatian Way. Discuss why it and other factors made Thessalonica a prime place for Paul and Silas to share the gospel. While there may not be 100,000 people or Mt. Olympus in our back yard, what shared human conditions still exist and what opportunities do we have available for sharing the gospel in our local context?
2. **Read verses 1-3.** Share if there has been a time when someone has reasoned, explained, proven, and persuaded you from the Scriptures. Have you had opportunity to do so? Answer these three questions as a group: Why did the Christ have to suffer? Why did he have to rise from the dead? How can we know Jesus is the Christ?
3. **Read verses 4-5.** To what extent do you intentionally put yourself into conversations with people who are different than you that need to hear the gospel?
4. **Read verses 6-9.** Have you ever experienced rejection or retaliation from putting Jesus at the center of your life? **Read Luke 9:23-24.** How has this passage practically looked through different seasons of life and stages of Christian maturity?
5. **Read verses 10-11.** How might we encourage one another in developing the habit of sharing the gospel no matter the response? Share one person you would like to begin a gospel conversation with this week and invite to church. Practically share and encourage one another in how these conversations can go. End your time praying for one another to not fear rejection or retaliation in sharing the gospel this week.

SERMON NOTES

Scripture References

- Paul writes how the Thessalonians are to walk in a manner worthy of God (1 Thes. 2:12), to walk and please God (4:1), to walk properly in front of those watching (4:12), and to not walk in idleness (2 Thes. 3:6, 11).
- Acts 16:8–9 – 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.”
- Romans 10:17—So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- Matt. 28:18-20 – “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And (he says) behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- The Christ must suffer – Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22
- The Christ must rise from the dead – Psalm 16:10
- Luke 9:23-24 – If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Quotes

- According to [opendoorsus.org](https://www.opendoorsus.org), 4,849 Christians were killed for their faith in 2025, with most of those deaths coming from sub-Saharan Africa.
- Babe Ruth – Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.
- Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.
- First, they accused the Christians as those who had “turned the world upside down.” Second, they accused Jason of being hospitable toward Paul and Barnabas—who, they claimed, were acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar. Third, the mob charged the Christians with proclaiming the rule of another king named Jesus. To all three counts, I hope every Christian would say, “Guilty as charged!”

The mob “hit the nail on the head”. Christians should turn the world upside down. Christians do love their fellow believers and serve them so that the cause of the gospel might expand. Christians must proclaim, not even another king, but the King of kings and Lord of lords. That is exactly what Christians do when they faithfully proclaim the gospel.¹

- Jim Elliott – He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

Sermon Outline

- 1-3: Share the gospel
- 4-5: Expect a response
- 6-9: Accept the cost
- 10-11: Seek receptive hearts

Frameworks for sharing the gospel

- [The Three Circles](#)
- [The Bridge to Life](#)
- [The Romans Road](#)
- [God, Man, Christ, Response](#)
- [Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration](#)

¹ R. Albert Mohler Jr., [Acts 13–28 for You](#), ed. Carl Laferton, God’s Word for You (The Good Book Company, 2019), 62.