



## ADVANCE CHURCH NETWORK N O R T H C A R O L I N A

### Cohort Conversations

#### **Week of July 22, 2026: Desperate prayer- for salvation**

**Connect**—Who is not here, and who will connect with them? What has been a helpful resource or book for your life, ministry, or family recently?

**Scripture Text—Acts 17:22-34 (Share reading the passage together)**

As we read this text listen for: The clarity and urgency of Paul's gospel proclamation, God's initiative in revealing himself to those who seek, The varied responses to the call to repent and believe

Based upon this passage, pray together popcorn style, while being sensitive to how the Spirit leads.

Here's a way to break it down:

**Reverence** What does this sermon reveal about God, for which you praise Him? What does this text reveal about God's desire to save the lost?

**Respond** Confess complacency or prayerlessness for the lost. Acknowledge fear of rejection or cultural pressure.

**Request** Cry out for specific names and communities who need salvation. Pray for conviction of sin and revelation of Christ for someone. Ask for open hearts in places marked by skepticism or spiritual confusion. Plead for boldness and clarity as the gospel is proclaimed.

**Readiness** Pray for readiness to speak boldly and for open doors.

**Discussion Questions: (Read through the passage together again)**

Paul models for us urgency in gospel-sharing, yet devoid of manipulation. He declares truth clearly while sensitive to the culture. What must never be softened in gospel proclamation? What can be softened?

How does this text teach us that salvation belongs to God? What in this text encourages us to pray for the salvation of those around us?

**Application:**

Who will commit to pray for daily?