



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

### Cohort Conversations

#### **Week of May 27, 2026: Gospel Partnership – Going to the nations**

**Connect**—Who is not here, and who will connect with them? What is something that God has been teaching you recently?

#### **Scripture Text—Acts 17:1-9 (Share reading the passage together)**

Based upon this passage, pray together popcorn style, while being sensitive to how the Spirit leads. As we read listen for:

- Who works together
- Who responds positively
- Who resists
- How the gospel disrupts and reorders allegiances

Here's a way to break it down:

**Reverence** Praise God as the Lord of the nations who rules over every city and culture. Worship Christ as the risen King whose gospel cannot be contained or silenced. Acknowledge the Holy Spirit as the One who unites believers across geography and calling.

**Respond** Confess tendencies toward ministry isolation or self-reliance. Affirm together the call to partnership in advancing the gospel. Thank God for past and present co-laborers in ministry.

**Request** Ask for Spirit-led gospel partnerships that multiply witness. Pray for churches and leaders sent to hard or resistant places. Intercede for global workers, missionaries, and pastors laboring under opposition. Ask God to raise up men and women of peace like Jason who will support gospel work.

**Readiness** Pray for hearts ready to be sent, to support, or to collaborate. Commit yourselves afresh to follow wherever God leads—across the street or across the world. Ask for courage to embrace risk for gospel advance.

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

Paul and Silas move intentionally from city to city. How does this text shape our understanding of *going to the nations*—locally and globally?

The text emphasizes the opposition, but verse 4 includes “some of them were persuaded.” Don’t forget that this “some of them” became the church of which Paul writes letters to later. Our focus can also be



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opposition focused but there is a remnant that God will work through. How can we not forget the remnant in the midst of the opposition?

**Application:**

- What is the next step for your church to take the gospel to the nations?