

Going Viral Globally
Sermon # 21, Acts 28:16-31

Main Point: *Go viral in spite of obstacles because God WILL finish His global rescue mission.*

Getting to Know You

1. What are some specific obstacles you've had to overcome in order to go viral? (Hint: for instance, it could be hard circumstances or a person's negative reaction)

Getting into the Book:

Going Viral takes Grit

1. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-29. Then read Acts 28:24. Why do we need grit when going viral?
2. If Jesus is so amazing, why do people sometimes react so violently against those who speak of Him?

Going Viral takes Guts

Read Acts 28:16-31

3. What specific things did Paul do to seize viral opportunities even in his imprisonment? See also Philippians 1:12-14 for more of the story.
(Leader: according to 28:17 he invited the Jews to meet with him; 28:30 he preached the gospel to those who came to him; Philippians 1:12-14, he preached the gospel to the soldiers who guarded him; and he wrote the letters of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and later 2 Timothy, from Roman prison)
4. Tell a story about a time when you wrote a letter to someone explaining the good news to them. Who did you send it to? What did you say? What was their response?
5. Refer to Acts 28:23. How did Paul fully utilize his opportunity to speak to the Jews? What do you specifically need to do to fully seize the viral opportunities God has given you?

Going Viral takes Confidence in God's Mission

6. Read Acts 1:8 and 28:30-31. Recalling key events in Acts, explain how Jesus fulfilled His promise from Acts 1:8.
7. In Acts 28:24 some were persuaded but others refused to believe Paul's message. Analyze this statement: "I shared the gospel with my mother but she didn't believe. I'm so upset with myself because I failed."

Getting Out There

8. How would your courage (or "guts") for going viral increase if you had confidence that you are joining God in His work, rather than doing it on your own?
9. In what specific ways and with what specific people do you need to show grit, guts, and confidence in order to go viral?

Reminder: If you have not done so, fill out a "My Faith Story" card and turn it in at church.

Pray

Praise God that He is fulfilling His promise to send us out as witnesses to the ends of the earth. Pray for the salvation of your loved ones.