



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 19	Title:	Now is the time – share it!
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Summary of Chapter	This passage is about Paul preaching the Kingdom of God, performing unusual miracles and seeing many lives transformed. With many victories came strong oppositions. But Paul continued to stay focussed and preached the message to the Jews and Greeks.		

Key Verse(s) How does it speak to me?

Acts 19:8 <i>“Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God.”</i>	<p>I received Christ when I was a young adult. I was excited and started to share my new-found faith with a group of good friends. I invited them to come and experience God’s love to the church. I would have loved to have a similar experience like Paul in this passage when I shared the good news and my friends responded positively. But many of them rejected my invitation. Only two of them came after much persuasion. Even though they did not receive Christ, I continued to share the gospel with them. Frankly, it was discouraging at time. But amazing things started to happen! God is good and faithful! One of my friends received Christ whilst he was residing in the States. He shared how he received Christ during his time of desperate need. He said, “Larry, thank you for sharing Christ with me. I am a Christ’s follower today because you have sown the seed of gospel when I was in Singapore. I am glad that you had shared the gospel persistently even though some of our friends had ridiculed your Christian faith.” Gradually, I came to know different ones received Christ. I had the privilege to lead one of them to Christ and baptized him in a baptismal service. God is good! I connected another friend with his spouse to one of our small groups when they were looking for a home church.</p> <p>I am glad that I did not stop to share the gospel despite of many rejections I faced from my friends. I would like to encourage you that your labour for the Lord is not in vain. In due time, you will see the harvest of souls and the answered prayers. Let us stay focused on our mission during this time and seek every opportunity to share how God has transformed our lives to someone.</p>
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APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about a specific person that you have sown the seed of the gospel to recently? E.g. Give the person a call, invite the person for a meal, send an encouragement WhatsApp message or bless the family with a surprise food delivery.
Youth:	Jesus has given you friends to share in your growing years. Who is the person that the Holy Spirit wants you to share the good news?
Child:	Jesus has given you friends and classmates to play with. He also wants you to share His love with them. Think of one friend who has yet to believe in Jesus and pray that he/she will believe in Jesus one day.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Lord, I pray for every Gracian including myself that we will not be ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God that transforms lives. We ask for boldness and divine appointments to share Your love to our pre believing loved ones, neighbours, colleagues, and friends. We know that You desire none shall perish but all to come into Your saving grace. Holy Spirit, come and direct our path and open our eyes to sow the seed of God’s love to someone intentionally in Jesus’ name. Amen!
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.