

30 Days Together
“Immanuel - God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #25 – Dec. 20th

Text: Acts 16:9-10

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Devotion: Brian Nuffer

These versus spoke to me especially in the crazy time of 2020. Paul receives a vision to go to Macedonia and preach the gospel. Note he is not instructed to have Macedonia come to him to worship in a building with 4 walls and a roof. How pertinent is that in today’s time? Paul did not take time to figure out how to do it, how to preach to them, what to use, who to use. He just got up at ONCE and went, trusting the Lord to use him to spread the word.

At Immanuel Lutheran Church we preach 100% serving 100% growth. Paul did not sit and wait for people to come to him, Paul went to the people. Paul helped grow the church by taking the church to the people. We have been given a great opportunity to go out to the people and grow the church. We have so many tools Paul did not. Paul traveled hundred and thousands of miles just to preach the Word! How great is that!

What does this have to do with Advent? Advent is the coming of our Lord. Just like Paul came to the Macedonians, Jesus came to us. We at Immanuel are tasked with coming to our community and spreading the word. What better time to do this than to spread the word of the birth of Jesus!

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank you for giving us a church to worship in and a community to worship with. Help us, guide us to spread out to the community and bring them into Your loving arms. Thank you for coming to us as a baby born in a manger. Bless this Advent season, bless Immanuel and its members, and bless the work we have ahead of us. In Your holy name and word. Amen.