

## **Guest Speaker | Gavin Calver**

### A Witnessing Church

#### **START TALKING** - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

What is the longest journey you have ever been on? Where did you go to, where there any issues/challenges on the way? What is your funniest travel journey?

# **KEEP READING** - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking. Read Acts 28:30-31

Gavin talked to us about what it means to be a witnessing Church. He talked about how Paul trusted God would carry out His mission to take the gospel to Rome, even though this involved a shipwreck and imprisonment. He also talked about how the book of Acts finished awkwardly. It's not finished, rather we are its continuation.

- What stands out from Acts 28:30-31
- How do you relate with the book of Acts? Does it feel like a distant possibility or a reality for your life?
- What are some of the things that you put you off from talking about Jesus?

#### **KEEP TALKING** - Choose questions to create openness.

#### Read Romans 1:14-16 - 15. Acts 4:1-3

Gavin shared three things we need to be a Witnessing Church:

- 1. We need to think wider
- 2. We need to be bolder
- 3. We need a fuller gospel
- Which of these do you find most challenging?
- Where are the areas that you wouldn't normally expect God to move but you see Him at work now?
- What would it look like to apply these three points in your daily life?
- "Brave people aren't born"- What do you think of this?
- "To have a fuller gospel we need words, works and wonders"- Do we demonstrate a gosepl this full? If not, what are we missing?

#### KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

This week commit yourself to being a witnessing church by:

- Praying for those you want to come to faith
- Look for opportunities to share the gospel
- Reflect on how you can see God move through your life

People are more hungry for the gospel now than they have been for a long time. We have a chance to be brave and share the gospel.

#### **KEEP PRAYING**

Spend some time together praying. Pray for those family members, friends and work colleagues (etc) that you want to see come to follow Jesus. Pray for boldness in each other to share the gospel.