

Sunday, September 6, 2026
When The Gospel Builds A Church

Acts 16:6-40

Main Idea: *Christ sovereignly builds His church through the advance of the Gospel, transforming unlikely people into a Gospel-shaped community centered on Him.*

Introduction:

- What does an entire church look like when everything about its life together is increasingly shaped by the Gospel?
 - **Philippians 1:21**
- Tension throughout this series: **“A Gospel-Shaped Church in a Self-Centered World”**

Christ Sovereignly Sends His Gospel - vv.6-12

- **Proverbs 16:9**

Christ Sovereignly Saves Through His Gospel - vv.13-34

- Scene one: The Lord opens a heart - **vv.13-15**
 - **John 6:44**
- Scene two: Christ confronts the darkness - **vv.16-24**
- Scene three: Christ saves a jailer - **vv.25-34**

Christ Sovereignly Builds His Church Through His Gospel - vv.35-40

So, What?

- What does an entire church look like when everything about its life together is increasingly shaped by the Gospel?
 - What kind of church is Christ shaping Walnut Grove to become?