

DAY 18

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 18
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"... you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching..." Acts 5:28

SPIRIT'S POWER

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER IN BRINGING PERSONAL RENEWAL, REVIVAL IN OUR CHURCHES, EVANGELISTIC FRUIT, AND A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING TO HOUSTON.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

In Romans 15:19 Paul writes, "from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." How could he say this? Surely there were thousands who had never heard the gospel throughout those regions. Harrison says, "The statement... is not intended to mean that he had preached in every community between the two points mentioned, but that he had faithfully preached the message in the major communities along the way, leaving to his converts the more intensified evangelizing of surrounding districts." Stott concurs, "His strategy was to evangelize the populous and influential cities, and plant churches there, and then leave to others the radiation of the gospel into the surrounding villages." Since Houston's founding in 1837 God has planted thousands of churches across our city; and yours! Why? One reason is so that you and your church family would own the lostness of your place, mobilize for evangelism, and help "fill Houston with your teaching!"

"So what is the strategy for the completed Great Commission from Romans 15? It is apostolic ministry of planting strategic churches and then those local churches mobilize to penetrate their region." —Dave Harvey

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Father, by Your Spirit please burden Your people across Houston to own the lostness of their geographies (Katy, Pasadena, Humble, Galveston...). Empower Your people to boldly share Christ where we live, work, and play. Use us together, scattered across our city, to fill Houston with the gospel!



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