



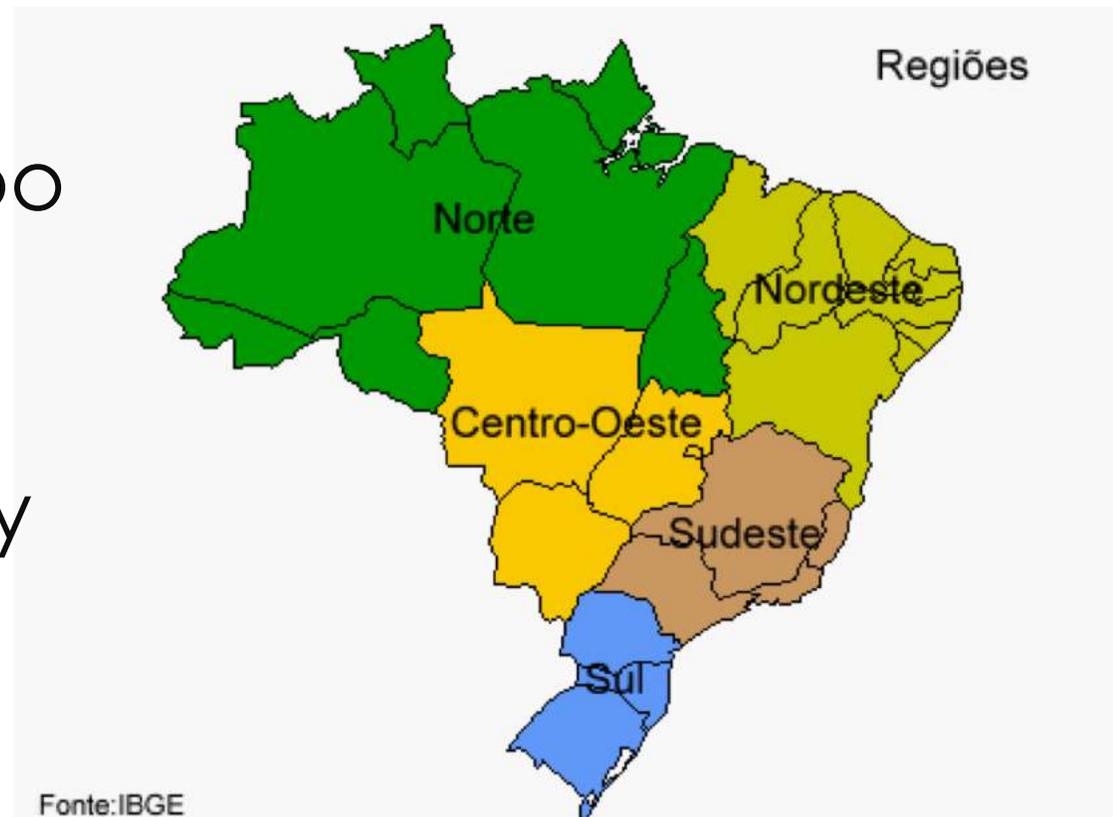
God

Working in **Brazil**

Now in our 25th year

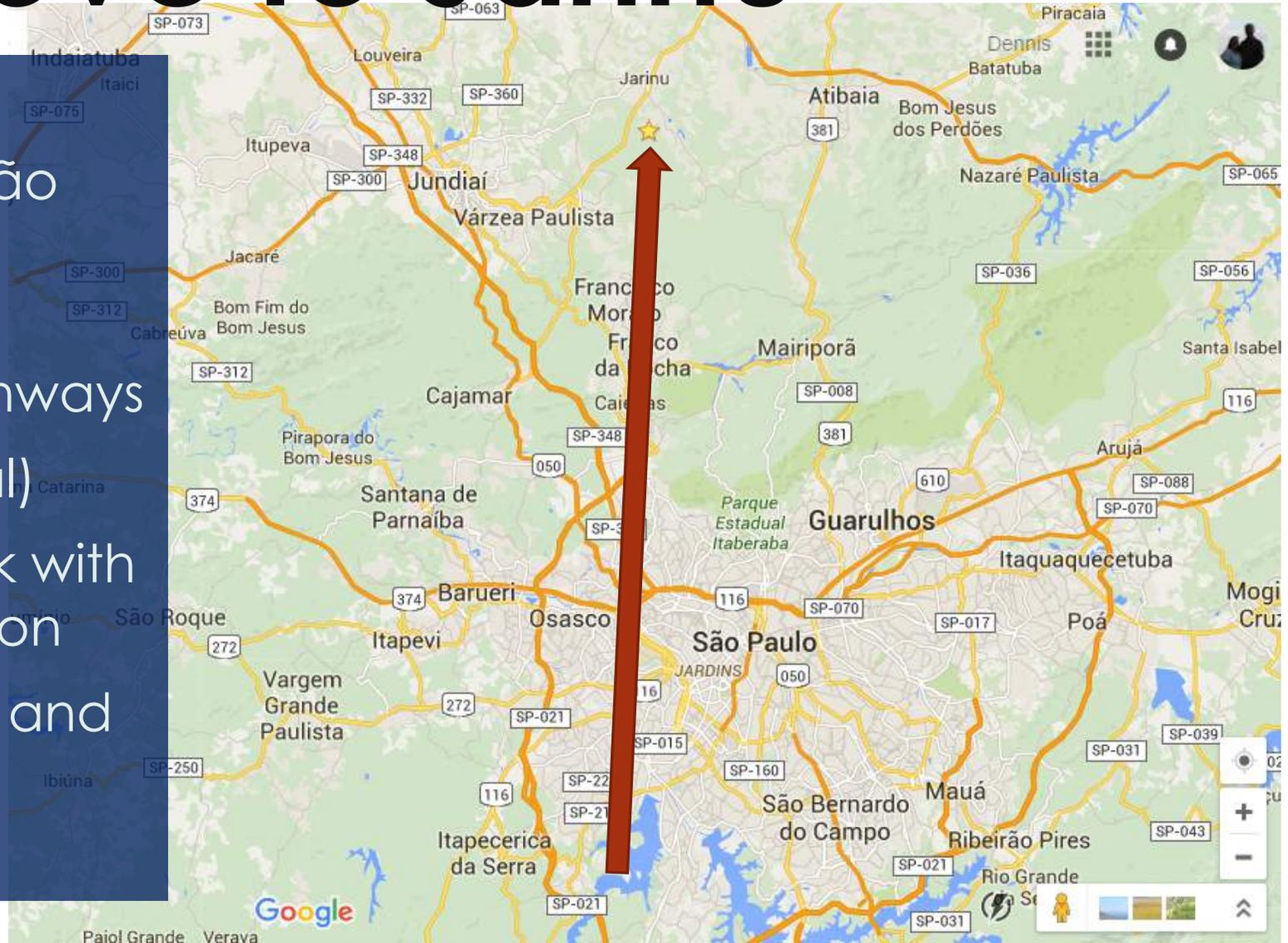
Focus on evangelism

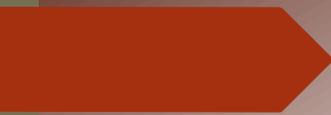
- Website
- Printed publications
- Door-to-door work
- Public studies in Campo Limpo Paulista
- Public studies throughout the country



Our move to Jarinu

- 50 miles north
- 20 miles out of São Paulo
- Better access to airports and highways
- Smaller city (rural)
- Studies and work with new congregation
- Intensive studies and training of workers





Focus on edification

- New congregation in Campo Limpo Paulista
- Opportunities with other congregations in the area
- Events in Jarinu
 - Intensive studies
 - Singing school
 - Camp for young people
 - One-day studies
- Visits to churches in other areas

God has been working

Please continue to
pray for the
effective spread of
the gospel in Brazil



Who Makes the Rules?



The Need for
Humility before
God

The 1897 Indiana Pi Bill

- Pi (π) = 3.1415926... (an irrational number)
- In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed a bill declaring that the value of pi would be 3.20
 - Proposed by Edward J. Goodwin, M.D.
 - The bill did not pass in the state senate, thanks to the intervention of Purdue mathematics professor C. A. Waldo
- How could they?
 - Pi was discovered
 - God determined Pi!



Who wrote the laws of nature?

- The law of gravity
 - Did Newton write the law?
 - Did Einstein improve on his law?
 - Eutychus learned that law 1600 years before Newton (Acts 20:9)
- The velocity of light (c) in a vacuum is 299,792.458 km/second
 - In 1983, the International System of Units defined the meter as $c/299,792,458$
 - Human measurement based on a measure determined by God!



**Men
discover
what God
determined!**

And what if men were to make their own rules?

- What if Indiana had redefined pi?
 - Legal pi vs. Real pi
- What if some country or countries were to legislate a new law of gravity?
 - Legal gravity vs. Real gravity
- What if someone posted speed limits for light?
 - Legal speed of light vs. Real speed of light

Who determined moral laws?

➔ The Creator established the moral and spiritual principles that guide us

God Created	And God Revealed His Law
Psalms 19:1-6	Psalms 19:7-11
Psalms 33:6-9	Psalms 33:4-5, 10-12
Colossians 1:16-17	Colossians 1:18
Hebrews 1:2b,3	Hebrews 1:2a; 2:1-4
Romans 1:20a	Romans 1:20b,24-27,28-32

Who determined moral laws?

Acts 17:26

- We are all members of the same human race
- Human life was sanctified by God (Genesis 9:6)
- Hitler and others have made laws to facilitate ethnic cleansing
- Many countries have legalized abortion
- Human laws may disagree with God, but He continues to be right!



Two clear examples

Matthew 19:4-6

- God defined marriage (Genesis 2:24)
- Men may write bills and pass laws to define other values
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What bold and arrogant men need to remember

- God rules over the leaders of nations (Daniel 4:32)
- Righteousness exalts a nation (Proverbs 14:34)
- The power of governments was determined by God (Romans 13:1-2)
- The word of God is eternal and absolute (Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:22-25; Mark 13:31)

Could it be that we are the bold and arrogant ones?

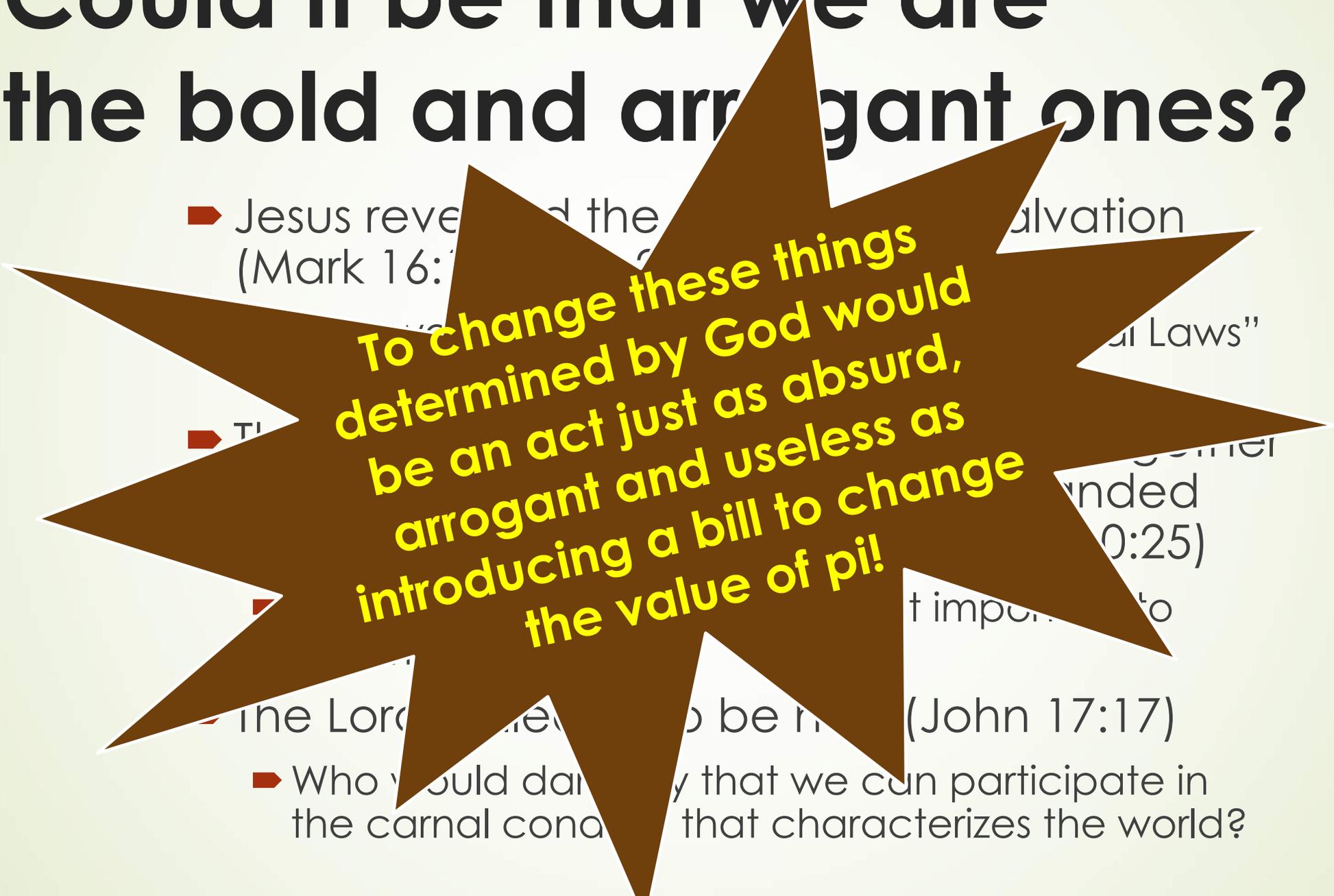
▶ Jesus revealed the way to salvation (Mark 16:7-8)

▶ The "Moral Laws"

▶ The "Ceremonial Laws"

▶ The Lord Jesus Christ to be in the world (John 17:17)

▶ Who would dare say that we can participate in the carnal conditions that characterizes the world?



It is not up to us!

- We discover the laws determined by God
- It is not our role to decide or legislate what is right or wrong in moral and spiritual questions

“O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. O LORD, correct me, but with justice; Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing”

(Jeremiah 10:23-24)

