

## Sunday November 21st - Acts 28 - The Final Chapter?

Opening Prayer: Lord, give us the courage and boldness to proclaim your message of hope and love to the world. Let us not shrink back from our ministry callings even in difficult situations.

## Read Acts 28

- 1) In vs. 1-10, list the 'divine' interventions in these verses.
- 2) How can the Holy Spirit still drive you forward in spite of difficult circumstances.
- 3) How was it that Paul, a prisoner, was allowed to spend a week with friends in Puteoli (vs. 13-14)?
- 4) Paul was allowed to live in his own rented accommodation under guard (v.16). How is this possible? Was the guard to keep him from escaping or the keep him from being kidnapped and killed? Who orchestrated this?
- 5) In vs. 17-27 Paul settles in Rome, tells the locals of his trials. Locals have heard nothing bad about Paul. Large gatherings hear the good news some are convinced others reject. Discuss the blindness that you had before coming to faith in Jesus. How would you present the gospel in a convicting manner? Would you be more successful than Paul?
- 6) Who is behind Paul's "captive freedom" for two years to continue his mission in letters?
- 7) What difficult situation are you in that stops you from continuing in your calling to ministry? Is it more challenging than Paul's?

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Take time to check in with each other and – pray for one another. Pray for opportunity to share the gospel AND the boldness to hold your ground against opposition and persecution.