



ACTS CHAPTER 28 (FACILITATOR)

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Breaking it Down

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Acts 28:1-10

- Why is Acts 28:2 significant?
 - The natives didn't think like, act like, believe like, or behave like Paul and yet, they showed him and the people that were with him kindness and even gave them whatever they needed when they left.
 - In what ways do you show hospitality and kindness to those individuals who don't think like, act like, believe like, or behave like you? Do you do any of the following? Why or why not?
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- Listen to their story and share your story with them?
- Care for their needs and/or allow them to care for yours?
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- What strikes you as odd in Acts 28:3-6? How do you think Paul is able to just roll with things that happen to him?
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Acts 28:11-22

- How did Paul use his house arrest to proclaim Jesus?
 - Paul was just incredibly undeterred by his circumstances and he utilized his house arrest to have people come to him so that he could share with them.
 - How do you use your own adverse circumstances to proclaim Jesus?
 - This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What is so significant about Paul specifically calling the Jewish leaders to him during his house arrest? What does this say about his love and persistence?
 - During his missionary journeys, Paul was consistently and routinely opposed and persecuted by the Jews. Even with all of the opposition and persecution he encountered at their hands, his love still remained for them, especially when it came to them knowing Jesus. His persistence was unmatched because he could have become jaded with all that he encountered and yet as long as the Jews were willing to listen, he was willing to speak.

- In what ways do you need to more fully love and not give up when you encounter opposition? Can you think of any individuals who you have “given up on,” and not been persistent?
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Acts 28:23-31

- Notice in verse 23 that Paul was willing to take an enormous amount of time to meet people where they are at and simply talk and teach about Jesus. The argument can certainly be made that he didn't have anything better to do because he was under house arrest and yet the reality is that Paul was willing to sacrifice his time to invest and pour into others for the sake of the kingdom.
 - As a disciple of Jesus, what is it currently costing you to pour into others for the sake of Jesus and His kingdom? What are you sacrificing?
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- In your own words, what is Paul saying to the Jews in verse 28? How does this apply to us today regarding sharing the message of Jesus with others?
 - The first question is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - Regarding the second question, while we aren't called to give up on people, we are called to tell people the truth and the example that we have in Paul is that he continued to invest in people who were willing to listen and wrestle with what he was saying.

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?

- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

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