


Groups Sermon Study Questions
The Gospel Goes Viral

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Message Summary

The Church is here because of men and women who, in the past, committed themselves to following Jesus and proclaiming the hope found in him. We can trace our faith lineage all the way back to the apostles. The story of the early church in Acts is our story. This week, as we find Paul finally arriving in Rome, we see how God used him in a powerful way taking the church viral. The church today is standing on the shoulders of those who were faithful to Christ in the past.

Consider This

1. How would you define legacy?

2. Why do you think leaving a legacy matters to many of us?

Read Acts 28:1-16

- 1. Looking over the first portion of this chapter, how do you see God protecting and caring for Paul?
- 2. Flip back to **Acts 23:11**. What did God promise Paul? How do you think this framed his mindset as he faced various challenges along the way to Rome (i.e. years of imprisonment, shipwreck, snake attacks, etc.)?
- 3. How was Paul able to make the most of his opportunity to minister to others along the way to his God-given destination?
- 4. What can we learn from Paul's perseverance through challenges and trials as he pursued what God had promised?
- 5. How can we hold to God's promises during challenges and trials?
- 6. What opportunities may be before you to share the hope of the Gospel, even when God's promise is still in process?

Read Acts 28:17-31

- 7. When Paul got to Rome, how was he received?
- 8. Finally, Paul was able to the hope of the Gospel with Jews living in Rome. How did they respond?

- 9. According to verse 28, where would the Gospel flourish?
- 10. The church grew because men and women like Paul boldly shared the hope of Jesus wherever the journey of their life took them. What does their example teach us?

Moving Forward

Encouragement Along the Way

We are a part of God's story! We get to be the next "link in the chain." What will you link to? The verses below are our encouragement from the apostles to press forward in our faith and in how God is calling us to live. As you spend time with studying them this week, may they encourage you as you fulfill your part in God's story.

> Acts 1:6-8 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 Philippians 4:7-14 2 Timothy 2:1-7 Hebrews 12:1-3 James 5:7-11 1 Peter 3:14-17