

TEXT: Acts 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Go to redeemerchurch.com/events to find and register for upcoming events.
 - Christmas Eve services are at 9am, 11am, 2pm, and 4pm, RSVP at rockymountchristmas.com.
 - Our next Weekender will be January 19 & 21. If you are interested in getting engaged in the life of Redeemer Church this is your next step, go to redeemerchurch.com/theweekender.
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Big Idea: The Gospel Will Advance

Ice Breaker: What would you do if you knew you could not fail?

Questions

Read Acts 28:1-6

The people assumed that Paul's bad fortune was due to his sin and was a just reward for past sins, after all, he was a prisoner at the time of this shipwreck. But, when he lives, they then assume that he must be a god. When we have an improper view of God, we have an improper view of ourselves.

- How does a belief that bad things must be payment for unrepentant sin lead to moralistic belief instead of the Gospel?
- How does this belief give us an improper view of God and ourselves?

Read v.23-31

While in bondage, Paul sees the opportunity of sharing the Gospel with those whom God has placed around him and writes several of the letters in the New Testament. Because Paul has a proper view of God it gives him a proper view of himself and his circumstances. It's not that his circumstances are less painful, but that his focus is on an eternal purpose instead of temporal results.

- What opportunities are around us that we may miss, and even view negatively, because of our improper view of God?
- Paul makes it clear that the Gospel is marching onward unhindered by rejection and is not bound to one people, culture, or race and will accomplish its purpose. How is this countercultural to what we tend to believe about ourselves?
- Reflect on 5 questions about how we are a part of the Gospel going forward. Which question is the most challenging and why?
 1. Where am I serving?
 2. Who am I reaching?
 3. Who am I discipling?
 4. What am I learning?
 5. What am I giving?