



Bible study for the week starting May 28, 2023

SHARE

Do you think of yourself as more of a disciple (learner/follower of Jesus), apostle (one sent out by Jesus), evangelist (proclaimer of the Gospel), or some combination of the three? Explain what you're more drawn to and why.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. If someone were to ask you what the Gospel is, what would you tell them? If someone were to ask you how to be saved, and how you know you're saved, what would you tell them?
2. Read **Acts 28:11-30**. We made it! The expectation of this past year was to see God working in miraculous ways in the world at that time, so we can see Him working in our world today, in our own lives, and through us. Do you have any stories to which God has opened your eyes over the past year?
3. Read **Isaiah 6:8-10** (you can read 1-10 if you want context). Pastor Eric might have made the term "Isaiah Commission" up as a contrast to the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:16-20, to describe having the same task but to an audience who is reluctant to listen, see, and take the message to heart. Frustrating or not, what's our calling?
4. Read **John 14:25-29**. Today is Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church (see Acts 2). What is so great about Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit, and what's the benefit for us today?
5. Has your appreciation of the Christian Church grown over the past year? Not the buildings, but the *people*. That community mattered for Paul in this reading, and it matters for you. How is that true, or how do you struggle with that?

PRAY

Share your needs, and pray for them specifically out loud, especially clinging to the promises of God's Word that apply to them; this is powerful!



The End...

Acts 28:11-31

May 28, 2023 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Completing the [MARATHON](#)

[ABRUPT](#) and [OPEN-ENDED](#)

Acts is a record of what the Holy Spirit [CONTINUED](#) to do, as God worked through the written and spoken Word, to bring people to faith in Christ.

Paul finally gets to [ROME](#), and what did he find?

Paul needed the [SUPPORT](#) and [STRENGTH](#) of the [COMMUNITY](#) of believers. SO DO YOU!

“When they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some [DOUBTED](#).” -Matthew 28:17

“And some were convinced by what he said, but others [DISBELIEVED](#).” -Acts 28:24

The [GREAT](#) Commission and the [ISAIAH](#) Commission

If I'm not [DEAD](#), God's not [DONE](#).

For next week, read Colossians 1.