

THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT: ACTS 25-28

WEEK 21: THROUGH the NEW TESTAMENT:

Read Acts Chapters 25 - 28

1. From your reading of Paul's journeys in the book of Acts, please outline 1st, 2nd, and 3rd missionary journeys. You are free to use other materials and scriptural support. Maps and timelines are recommended.

2. Acts 25:7 says, "When Paul came in, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him. They brought many serious charges against him, but they could not prove them".

- a) Why were Jewish accusing Paul falsely?
- b) How did Paul react to the accusation?
- c) How do we, as Christians, react to false accusations today?

3. Read Acts 26:19-29

- a) What do you learn from Paul's obedience to God's call? v19
- b) How does Paul's boldness inspire you to share the gospel even in complex circumstances?
- c) How will those who genuinely repent be distinguished from those who don't? v20

4. Read Acts 27:1-3

Why would a Roman centurion (Julius) trust Paul, a prisoner, and allow him to go see his friends so that they can provide for his needs?

5. Acts 27:22, "And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship."

Why was Paul so confident in telling the men they were sailing with to take heart because there would be no loss of lives?

* In your own words, summarize the portion of reading for this week.

Scripture of the week:

Acts 26:29: Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." (NIV)