

The Final Act

Acts 28:11–31

1. Arrival

Acts 28:11–16

2. Appointments

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3. Application

Life Group Questions

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Opener: Who has been a great encouragement to you in your life? How did they encourage you?

This week: Begin by trying to tell the story in Acts 28:11–31 from memory. After telling the story, read the text as a group and look for details that were either added or left out.

1. The Alexandrian ship they boarded had mythical twin figurehead gods that sailors worshipped for protection. Even ungodly people have in their nature a desire to worship. What would you say ungodly people today worship for protection?
2. Read Acts 23:6, 24:21, 26:8 and 28:20. How do these illustrate what he means by being a “prisoner for the Lord”? (See Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:13–14; Colossians 4:3; Philemon 1)
3. In verse 20, Paul speaks of the “hope of Israel.” What is the “hope of Israel”? How would you describe to an unbeliever the hope that you have as a believer? (See Acts 23:6 & 1 Peter 3:14–15).
4. In verses 23 and 31 Luke describes Paul as “testifying to” and “proclaiming” the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God? What is your role in testifying and proclaiming the kingdom of God?
5. Read Hebrews 10:23–25. One of the jobs of Christians in the church is to encourage, to instill boldness and calm fears. Do you know anybody that is fearful or discouraged? How can the Lord use you to encourage them and calm fears?
6. Read Acts 28:14–15. We see that other believers encouraged and emboldened Paul to continue his mission. Why was being with other believers so encouraging to Paul? What does this tell us about what we need in order to stay committed to the mission God has given us?
7. Self reflect for a moment: What things am I doing right now that may be discouraging to others? What are things you can be doing to encourage others?
8. Verse 31 is the last we hear of Paul in Acts. How would that serve as a fitting epitaph on Paul’s grave? What do you need to build into your life now, so that your faith in Christ will be what people remember about you at death?

Memory Verse: Acts 28:30–31 ESV

“He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

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