

# The Ongoing Mission

Acts 28:30-31

## MAIN IDEAS

- Paul arrives in Rome and continues to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Paul continues to fulfill the words of Christ in Acts 1:8. He knew his mission

As we wrap up the book of Acts, reflect on what you've learned concerning Jesus' Great Commission, the Holy Spirit, the building of God's church and its inclusiveness, and the power of the Gospel.

What are some similarities among key figures in the book of Acts: Peter, Philip, Stephen, Barnabas, Silas, Luke and Paul? How would you describe their commitment to the salvation of Jesus for all people?

Remembering that this was a scroll written to Theophilus so that he "may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed" (Luke 1:4), how do you think the book of Acts created certainty for Theophilus? Other believers as they read this account?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

How has your understanding of God the Holy Spirit changed or grown because of what you've read in Acts?

How has your understanding of the purpose and importance of Christ's church changed or grown because of Acts?

Knowing the stories of conversion, the numbers of believers saved at one time, and the amazing circumstances in which the power of the Gospel is presented, is there any situation, circumstance, person or people group beyond the saving grace of Jesus?

How does Acts inspire you in sharing the Gospel?

## GROUP RESPONSE

Luke's account of God the Holy Spirit working through very unlikely people to build His church is full of displays of power, miracles, boldness, joy, hardships, persecution, and rejection. The Gospel of Jesus and the way of salvation crosses geographic, ethnic, socio-economic and religious barriers. How can we use the book of Acts to build up the church today and further our understanding of how to be witnesses and make disciples?

What is something your group does or will do differently because of what you've read in Acts?

## REPRODUCE

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented in the book of Acts 28 times in varying degrees. It is the foundation of the church. It opens and closes the history of Acts, 2:38-39 and 28:30-31. How well do you know it? How confident are you in sharing it with others? Who in your sphere of influence needs to hear it today? Remember the words of Jesus, ***“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age”*** Matthew 28:19-20.

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Acts 28:30-31

Additional verses from the study:

- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:38-39
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Luke 1:4