

Living Connections Bible Study



The Last Chapter

Text: Acts 28:11-31

Prayer:

Icebreaker: Psalm 37:4-5 promises: *Delight yourself in the Lord He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass.* Can you share ways in which God has granted the desires of your heart as you applied this in your own life?

1. What desire did God place on the Apostle Paul's heart years before it was fulfilled? Romans 1:8-15; Acts 19:21

At the time, Paul had no idea how God was going to accomplish this goal. He would be arrested in Jerusalem, incarcerated at Caesarea for two years, travel by ship under Roman escort, be blown off course to the Island of Malta, and then on to Rome. Yet all this was in God's sovereign plan to bring many individuals into God's Kingdom along the way.

2. How long did God leave Paul on the Island of Malta to be His witness there before sailing on to Rome? And what stops did they make along the way. Acts 28:11-15

3. What encouragement did Paul receive when he arrived at Rhegium?

4. What unusual arrangement was made for Paul while he awaited his trial before Caesar? Acts 28:16, 20, 30-31

5. What group of soldiers took their turn in shifts guarding Paul? Acts 28:16; Philippians 1:12-13; 4:22

6. What passion did Paul want to share with his fellow Jews in Rome? Acts 28:17-20

7. What perception did the Jews in Rome have of Christianity? Acts 28:21-22

8. Paul invited the Jews to come back to hear his defense of Christianity. What was the subject of his day long discourse with them from the Old Testament Scriptures? Acts 28:23

9. Was Paul surprised that many of the Jews did not believe even when the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ were carefully explained to them? Acts 28:24; Romans 11:25-27

10. What did the prophet Isaiah have to say about Israel's blindness during the Church age? Acts 28:25-27

11. What revelation did Paul make to these Jews regarding the Gentiles, and what was their response? Acts 28:28-29

Think about it this week:

In Acts 1:8 Jesus promised His disciples, *You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.* Acts 1:8

The book of Acts is a history of the growth of the Church. If a final chapter, Acts 29, were written what would it have to say about the roll I have played in fulfilling the Great Commission of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth?