



From Prison to Platform

Discussion Guide
November 12, 2017
Acts 28:11-31

Questions for Study

** Before you begin discussing these questions, read through Acts 28:11-31 as a group.

1. Describe a setback you encountered in life. Even though things were difficult, are there ways this "setback" became a "set up" in certain ways – creating opportunities that wouldn't have been available otherwise?
2. In Acts chapters 21-28, Paul spends much of his time under arrest and going from trial to trial – eventually making it to Rome. How could these set-backs have discouraged Paul? How do you think you would have responded, had you been in Paul's shoes?
3. Look at what you read in Acts 28:11-31 again. How does Paul respond to these setbacks instead?
4. Read the following passages, all written by Paul: Acts 20:24; Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Philippians 1:12-14. What do we learn about in these passages, that helps us see HOW Paul was able to respond to setbacks like he does, and see them as set-ups to share the gospel and keep trusting in God?
5. Consider one recent setback in your life, or maybe one you're in the middle of right now. Without diminishing the seriousness of the setback, are there ways this setback might be a set-up – creating opportunities for you to share the gospel and model a strong Christian life that wouldn't have been available otherwise?
6. What is one practical step of application you need to take because of what you've learned from Acts 28:11-31?
7. This sermon is the last one in the "Story of the Church" series we've been doing through Acts for much of 2017. As a reminder of ground we've covered, below we've included the sermon titles and passages for each of the sermons in this series. Spend some time reviewing big take-aways you've gotten from this study of Acts. What have you learned that helps you continue the "story of the church" today?
 - Acts 1:1-11 – "The Story Continues..."
 - Acts 2:1-47 – "The Gift of the Holy Spirit"
 - Acts 4:23-31 – "Bold Dependence"
 - Acts 4:32-5:11 – "Radical Generosity"
 - Acts 5:17-42 – "An Unstoppable Movement"
 - Acts 6:1-7 – "All In"
 - Acts 8:26-40 – "The Power of Small Conversations"
 - Acts 9:1-22 – "Changed"
 - Acts 10:1-48 – "A Multiethnic Faith"
 - Acts 12:1-24 – "Unconquerable"
 - Acts 13:1-3 – "Mission and Multiplication"
 - Acts 15:1-35 – "Worth a Fight"
 - Acts 16:1-5 – "Investing in Others"
 - Acts 16:6-10 – "Led by God's Spirit"
 - Acts 17:16-34 – "Making the True God Known"
 - Acts 19:11-41 – "Destroying Idols"
8. Challenge: Memorize Acts 28:31: "He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ – with all boldness and without hindrance."