



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, November 16, 2025

## ACTS – Faithful Witness A Glorious Salvation

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 28:16-31. Given the entire account of Paul and the church in the book of Acts, what do you think of the way the book ends? Is it a surprise ending; an ending for a future sequel; a bland ending? How does the ending make you think of Luke's purpose for writing in the first place.
2. How do you account for Paul's statement in verse 19 (about not wanting to cause offence) on the one hand and his Isaiah quote and conclusion in verse 28 (which was offensive to Jewish ears)?

### Explore

3. What is your expectation or definition for the success of the church?  

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing in new converts | <input type="checkbox"/> A growing congregation | <input type="checkbox"/> No expectation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great preaching          | <input type="checkbox"/> A tight-knit community | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
4. In what part of faith are you “ever hearing and never understanding, ... ever seeing but never perceiving”? In other words, where does the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ offend you?
5. In what way does the good news of Jesus offend the friends and acquaintances around you? What is your general response? Compare it to how did Paul deal with that (vss. 30-31)?
6. What are some ways you celebrate the gospel of Jesus and his Kingdom? In what areas of your life could you improve on prioritizing the gospel and the Kingdom of God?

### Pray

- Pray a prayer that celebrates the gospel of Jesus Christ, praising God for revealing his love for the world, his redemption of the world, and for his presence in the world and in our lives.
- Pray for the church in the world and for your local church, that in being the body of Christ it will be faithful to the good news of Christ's work in the world.