

Sermon Discussion Questions

Serving:

Leaders, please share the following volunteer opportunities with your group members each week. Thanks!

Highlighted Opportunity: Our FIRST IMPRESSIONS Team will need EXTRA help on Christmas Eve. Ushering, cleaning, greeting, helping re-set the auditorium. If you can help, please email Chad Mullen at Chad.Mullen@thechurchaz.org

Other Serving Needs Include: Hospitality, Clean Team, Worship Team, Security, First Impressions, Elder Care, His Kidz, His Kidz Registration, Next Gen, Audio/Visual and Next Step Team.

DATE: December 14th, 2025

SERMON TITLE: Rise

MAIN POINT: Every Sunday we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we challenge ourselves to stand firm, lead well, and model living like Jesus.

SERMON SCRIPTURE: [Acts 20:25-38](#)

REVIEW: [Acts 20:25-38](#) (Click the links in blue for easier reading!)

Use this time to revisit the Scripture and Sermon together. Encourage open and honest conversation while asking and answering questions as a group.

Questions:

➤ **Comprehension:**

What does the passage say in your own words?

Questions or things you don't understand? Now is the time to ask!

➤ **Interpretation:** What is the purpose of the passage for them and for us?

➤ **Interpretation:** Read together [Matthew 7:15-16](#). What type of 'fruit' is being discussed? What did that look like then? What does this look like now?

➤ **Interpretation:** Why was Paul so vigilant to warn his leaders about wolves? What was at stake? What is at stake today?

➤ **Application:** How does this passage change or challenge the way you approach learning about the Gospel?

➤ **Application:** Read together again [Acts 20:26-27](#). How can we live our lives like this today? What does it look like in your life to declare the whole counsel of God?

➤ **Dig Deeper:** Additional Scripture from the Sermon to study throughout the week.

1. [Matthew 7:15-16](#)
2. [Ephesians 1:11](#)

PREPARE: Read [Acts 21:1-16](#) together in preparation for next week. Use this time together to explore where we are going and how we can better understand the text.

➤ **What things stand out to you?**

➤ **Why was this important then?**

➤ **How can we apply it today?**

➤ **Group Prayer:** Father God we thank you for your word and this time together to spend in it. Lord, we thank you for this message, this warning, this encouragement. Lord, help us have discernment and the

desire to seek your truth. Lord, we ask for hearts and minds that boldly share with those in our lives of your amazing love, mercy and grace. We pray for eyes that see you working in all things and for mouths that will sing praise of it. In your son's name we pray. Amen.

Personal Questions (for monthly breakouts):

- What life challenges are you facing this week?
- How are you responding to those challenges?
- How can we pray for your heart in those challenges?
- What sins are you holding onto right now?
- How can we help keep you accountable?
- How can we be praying for you personally this month?
- Share one way God has been working in your heart and life this past month!