

~ INTRO ~

ALRIGHT...

- Here we are church... the last chapter of (Acts).
 - This is a celebration moment for us.

TODAY... OUR CONCLUDING STUDY...

- Underscores the big picture...
 - Of what we've learned over the last 2-years.

FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST JOINING IN...

- You have the benefit of receiving the whole book in one study.

HERE'S A FEW FINAL LESSONS...

IDEA #1 – PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

OK...

- Here's the big picture... followed by the practical steps.

BIG PICTURE:

- 1) The promise of power – *Holy Spirit* enabling (Acts 1:8) NKJV
 - Also the outline to the book of Acts...
 - (Jerusalem / Judea / Samaria / ends of the earth)
- 2) Birth of the Church & 3,000 people come to faith (Acts 2 – 3)
- 3) Peter takes the Gospel message to three groups...
 - (Jews, Samaritans, & Gentiles) (Acts 4 – 12)
- 4) Paul took the Gospel message west to the Gentiles (Acts 13 – 28)
 - (Culminating in Rome)

NOW...

- We've spent an extensive amount of time...
 - Studying thru Paul's Missionary Journey's.
 - How he taught / preached / and did miracles...
 - As God Expanded The Faith.

(Acts 28:1-31)
“The Final Act”

ON THE APPLICATION SIDE OF OUR STUDIES...

- We’ve drilled down into learning about ministry.

PRACTICAL STEPS:

- 1) How Ministry Happens (Acts 16:16-40)
- 2) What An Effective Ministry Looks Like (Acts 17:1-34)
- 3) Up’s & Downs of Ministry (Acts 18:1-17)
- 4) Basic Ministry Truths (Acts 18:18-28)
- 5) The Work of The Spirit In Ministry (Acts 19:1-10)
- 6) The Mission & The Mess of Ministry (Acts 19:11-22)
- 7) Pushback in Ministry (Acts 19:23-41)
- 8) Personal Direction for Ministry (Acts 20:1-38)
- 9) Supporting Ministry (Acts 21:1 – 23:11)
- 10) Unexpected Moments in Ministry (Acts 23:11-24:26)

HERE’S THE TAKE AWAY...

- If you never learned any more... about serving God...
 - **Except** for what we’ve learned in (Acts)...
 - You’re going to do well.

DON’T UNDER VALUE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU!

IDEA #2 – CHAPTER CONTENT

THE SHIP CARRYING PAUL...

- Crashed landed on the island of Malta...
 - And Just like God said (Acts 27:23-24) everyone would live.

FOUR OBSERVATIONS...

- 1) God’s protection continued with Paul (vv.1-8)
- 2) God’s power was upon Paul (vv.7-9)
- 3) God’s promise of getting Paul to Rome happened (v.16)
- 4) God’s mission for Paul in Rome – preach the Gospel (vv.23-24)

IDEA #3 – TAKE AWAY LESSON

(Acts 28:1-31)
“*The Final Act*”

IN THE END OF OUR STUDY...

- We find that some people believed on Jesus...
 - And other people did NOT (v.24).
- They all heard the same message.

BUT JUST LIKE IN THIS ROOM...

- There are two groups of people...
 - 1) Ones who believe & act on those beliefs.
 - 2) Ones who do NOT believe & live on with no change.

READ (vv.30-31)

~ IN CLOSING ~

BE ENCOURAGED TO...

- *Love God & Love others.*
 - AMEN!

FURTHER STUDY LINKS IN FOOTNOTES:

Time Line of Paul's Life ¹
Paul's Final Imprisonment ²

¹ Blue Letter Bible 2024 – *The Life of Paul*. Sourced on 12/14/2024 from <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/paul/timeline.cfm>

² Insight For Living – A ministry of Charles Stanley. *Historical Background of Paul's Final Imprisonment*. Sourced on 12/14/2024 from <https://insight.org/resources/article-library/individual/historical-background-of-paul-s-final-imprisonment>.