

WEEK 10: THE WORK OF ACTS MUST GO ON
DAY 1: PAUL PREACHED ABOUT JESUS IN ROME

Acts 28

1. What a long, hard time Paul had getting to Rome! He spent two years in prison in Caesarea. Then he had many troubles on the sea.

Write two ways Paul knew God was taking care of him on the journey to Rome.

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. God saved him when the ship was broken. He sent an angel to make Paul strong. He kept him from being killed by a snake. After a long time, Paul reached Rome. Today we will learn two things about his life in Rome.

(1) In Rome, Paul lived in his own house with a soldier.

(2) He spent two years in Rome preaching and teaching about Jesus.

Take Your Bible now and read Acts 28:11 to 17. Now read verses 28: to 30. Paul finally reached Rome. On the map facing this page, fill in the line from Jerusalem to Rome.

3. God kept his promise. He took Paul to the greatest city in the world. He helped him preach there. Paul knew God would keep His word. Perhaps he did not think God would send him as prisoner. But God had a plan.

Acts 28:14-15:

And so we came to Rome. And the brethren there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them Paul thanked God and took courage.

To what great city did God send Paul as a prisoner to live in his own house and preach?

4. God sent Paul to Rome. Rome was the strongest city in the world. Its rulers had conquered most of the other countries. Many people lived in Rome and many people visited there. Christians from Rome could take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Acts 28:16:

And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier that guarded him.

Was Paul put into a big prison with many other prisoners? _____

5. Paul was not put with other prisoners. He was allowed to stay alone with a soldier.

Acts 28:30:

And he lived there two whole years at his own expense (or in his own rented house) and welcomed all who came to him.

Whose rented house did Paul stay in? _____

6. He stayed in his own house. He paid money to stay in it. We do not know how he got the money. Perhaps the churches he had planted helped him.

Acts 28:16:

Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier that guarded him.

Who stayed with Paul in his house? _____

7. A soldier stayed with Paul. The soldier watched him. He kept Paul from going away. It seems Paul also had a chain on him.

Acts 28:17, 20:

After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews; and when they had gathered, he said to them, "Brethren, ... it is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

From these verses, what was Paul able to do as he stayed in his own house, with a soldier? _____

8. He was able to talk to people. He was able to call them for meetings. What a strange prisoner! We begin to see the plan of God. Paul was not kept in a big prison with other prisoners.

Acts 28:23:

When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging (or house) in great numbers.

How did Paul live in Rome? Do not forget who stayed with him. _____

9. He lived in his own house with a soldier. If you wrote "In his own house," that is not enough. Remember that a soldier was there all the time. He watched Paul. He also kept his enemies from killing him. The soldier heard the good news of Christ.

Acts 28:23:

they came to him at his lodging (or house) in great numbers. And he expounded the matter (or explained about Christ) to them from morning till evening, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus.

Was Paul able to speak to many people or few people in Rome? _____

10. He was able to speak to many people. We see that he preached and taught about Jesus. He preached to those who needed to receive Christ. He taught those who had already received him.

How did Paul live in Rome as he preached and taught? _____

11. He lived in his own house with a soldier. This was God's way of making Paul a missionary in Rome. No one could arrest him because he was already a prisoner. No one could hurt him because the Romans protected him.

Acts 28:30:

And he lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him.

Whom did Paul preach and teach about when people came to his house? _____

12. He preached and taught about Jesus. We see that Paul did this freely.

Acts 28:31:

preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered (or without anyone stopping him).

In what city did Paul preach and teach about Jesus in this way? _____

13. Paul did this in Rome. This was where he wanted to go! This was what he wanted to do! Paul loved to teach about Jesus.

Colossians 4:3:

and pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare (or preach) the mystery (or hidden truth) of Christ, on account of which I am in prison.

Besides teaching, what did Paul do about Jesus? _____

14. Paul preached. Paul did not just talk about Christ. He asked people to do something. He argued and begged them to repent. For two whole years Paul spoke in this way as a prisoner.

Acts 28:31:

preaching ... and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Besides preaching, what did Paul do about Jesus? _____

15. Paul also taught. It was not enough for people to receive Christ. They must understand the teachings of Christ. They must follow Him and grow in their spiritual lives.

From Acts 28, how long did Paul live in Rome and preach and teach about Jesus?

16. He did this for two years. Paul saw that God was using him in prison.

Philippians 1:12-13:

I want you to know, brethren, that what has happened to me has really served to advance (or push) the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole praetorian guard (or all the Roman soldiers) and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

What did Paul do while he lived in Rome for two years? _____

17. He preached and taught about Jesus. Many new people received Christ. Many older Christians became strong.

Philippians 1:14:

and most of the brethren have been made confident (or strong) in the Lord because of my imprisonment, and are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear.

From Acts 28, how did Paul live in Rome? _____

18. He lived in his own house with a soldier.

What did Paul do while he lived in Rome for two years? _____

19. He preached and taught about Jesus. We see that God planned it this way. As a prisoner, Paul did not have to go on long journeys. People came to him. He could rest after his long journeys. He could study God's word. He had time to write letters which we still have today. He brought many people to Christ.

Some day you may be put aside for a while. It may be by sickness or prison or something else. Will you stop working for God, or will you still try to find work to do for Him?

20. Let us talk about this together.

From Acts 28, how did Paul live in Rome? _____

What did he do while he lived in Rome for two years? _____

WEEK 10: THE WORK OF ACTS MUST GO ON
DAY 2: PAUL WENT TO IMPORTANT PLACES

1. We have almost finished studying the book of Acts. We have learned something from every chapter. We have seen how the chapters of Acts end.

From Acts 28, how did Paul live in Rome? _____

What did he do while he lived in Rome for two years? _____

2. In Rome, Paul lived in his own house with a soldier. He preached and taught about Jesus. He was a great missionary and we learn much from him. Today and tomorrow we will look at the ways Paul worked. This is what we will learn today:

Paul took three missionary journeys besides the journey to Rome.

Paul used good ways in planting churches.

(1) He went to important places.

(2) He preached to those who would listen.

Think about what you learned last week. Why does God send missionaries to people? Answer by saying Acts 26:18 to yourself.

3. Acts 26:18:

to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

These words were spoken to a missionary who took three big journeys besides going to Rome. Who was he? _____

4. This missionary was Paul. Think about the first three journeys. First Paul went to Cyprus and the cities of Galatia. On the second journey he went through Galatia to Philippi, Thessalonica, Beroea, Athens, and Corinth. On the third journey Paul went back to the cities he visited on the second journey. He also spent a long time at Ephesus.

After these three journeys, to what big city did Paul go as a prisoner? _____

Paul went to Rome. This was really a missionary journey too. He went as a prisoner and a missionary. We have seen that he preached and taught in Rome. Many people received Christ. From Rome, people could take the good news all over the world.

How many big missionary journeys did Paul take besides the journey to Rome?

6. He took three other missionary journeys. Paul used good ways of planting churches. Here are two good ways in which he worked.

(1) He went to important places.

(2) He preached to those who would listen.

Acts 16:12:

and from there (we went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia.

Write some other cities besides Philippi where Paul planted churches. _____

7. Paul went to big cities like Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Beroea, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus. Philippi was the biggest city of Macedonia. Corinth, Ephesus, and Thessalonica were on the sea where many ships came and went. Antioch and Iconium were on big roads where many people passed by.

Were the places where Paul planted churches important or not important?

8. They were important. They were big cities. Many people lived there and visited there. We should plant churches in important places too. If we preach to many people, these people can preach to many others. We should go to villages where many people live. We should go to chiefs' homes where many people visit. We should go to cities where many people work. This does not mean we should never plant churches in little places. But we should first go to important places where people have not heard the gospel.

What did Paul want to plant in important places? _____

9. He wanted to plant churches. He wanted these churches to reach out to other places. Paul did not go to important places just because he liked cities. He did not want the city churches to be like water pots, keeping the good news. He wanted them to be like rivers. From the cities, the good news could flow to other places.

What kind of places did Paul choose to plant churches in? _____

10. (1) He went to important places.

(2) He preached to those who would listen.

When Paul used these good ways, what did he want to do? _____

11. He wanted to plant churches. He wanted people to receive Christ. He wanted them to worship God together. He wanted them to tell others about Christ. Paul preached about Jesus wherever he went. If people refused to listen, Paul did not stay long.

What is the first good way Paul used in planting churches?

- (1) _____
- (2) He preached to those who would listen.

12. Paul went to important places. He worked hard to plant churches. Paul knew that Christ could change people's lives. He tried hard to get them to listen. He spoke to them day after day. But some still would not listen. Paul knew what Jesus had said.

Matthew 10:14:

And if any one will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

Do you think you should go on and on preaching to people who refuse to listen?

13. Be ready to talk carefully about this in class. Jesus did not easily leave those who refused to listen. Paul did not easily leave such people either. But when other people were waiting to hear, it was better to go on. Paul usually began preaching to Jews. He preached to them also in Rome.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 28:23 to 28. Think of the important places where Paul preached to Jews. Did many Jews listen to what Paul said? _____

14. They did not listen. We remember what happened at Antioch.

Acts 13:46:

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

When the Jews would not listen, what did Paul do? _____

15. He went to the Gentiles. Paul did not go on trying to force the Jews to listen. Neither did he give up his work. Instead he went to people who would listen. Paul preached to many Gentiles. This did not mean that he never went to Jews again. In each city, Paul first went to Jews. Then he went to the Gentiles. Sometimes even Gentiles would not listen. This is what happened in Athens.

Acts 17:32-33

Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." So Paul went out from among them.

Did Paul preach more to those who would listen or to those who would not listen?

16. He preached more to those who would listen. This is something we can learn from Paul. We should try to preach to everyone. If we have plenty of missionaries we can go to all people. But if we have few missionaries we should preach to those who will listen.

Acts 28:28:

Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.

What is the first good way Paul used in planting churches?

- (1) _____
(2) He preached to those who would listen.
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17. First, Paul went to important places. He wanted many people to hear. He wanted to plant many churches.

What is the second good way Paul used? _____

18. Paul preached to those who would listen. A few months ago, a group went from your church to find people who would listen. Then you sent missionaries to these people.

Have you heard from the missionaries you sent? _____

What did you hear from them? _____

19. Be ready to share this with the class.

How many big missionary journeys did Paul take besides the journey to Rome?

Write two good ways Paul used in planting churches.

- (1) _____
(2) _____

WEEK 10: THE WORK OF ACTS MUST GO ON
DAY 3: PAUL EXPECTED CHURCHES TO GROW

1. As we finish studying the book of Acts we are looking at Paul.

Write two good ways Paul used to plant churches.

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. These are good ways Paul used in planting churches:

(1) He went to important places.

(2) He preached to people who would listen.

Today we will learn two more ways.

(3) He always preached about Christ.

(4) He expected churches to grow.

We have seen how Paul preached about Christ everywhere he went. As we learned, what great thing did Paul talk about to Governor Felix, Governor Festus, and King Agrippa?

3. He talked about faith in Christ. He did this wherever he went. Paul had great learning before he received Christ. He studied for many years to be a Pharisee. But Paul was not trying to give people great learning. Remember what he did at Thessalonica.

Acts 17:2-3:

And Paul went in, as was his custom, and for three weeks he argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

Did Paul preach much in Thessalonica about Jewish laws? _____

4. He was not preaching about Jewish laws. He was preaching about one great person. Remember what he did at Athens.

Acts 17:18:

And some said, "What would this babbler (or talker) say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities (or gods)" -- because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 28:17-23. Whom did Paul preach about when he planted churches?

5. He preached about Jesus or Christ. He always did this. He never preached without showing that salvation is in Christ. He wrote to the Corinthians about this.

I Corinthians 2:1-2:

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty (or high) words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

From this verse, did Paul try to make the Corinthians become Jews? _____

6. He did not try to make them become Jews. He did not ask them to change all their customs. We have seen how Paul helped the leaders in Jerusalem understand this. Gentiles did not have to be circumcised and follow Jewish laws. Of course, when they received Christ, they would stop doing some things. But Paul did not always preach about laws.

Whom did he always preach about? _____

7. He always preached about Jesus. The work of his life was to tell people about God's Son.

Acts 18:5:

When Silas and Timothy arrived (in Corinth) from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with preaching, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

What is the third good way Paul used in planting churches.

- (1) He went to important places.
 - (2) He preached to those who would listen.
 - (3) _____
 - (4) He expected churches to grow.
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8. Paul always preached about Christ. And he expected churches to grow. Paul knew that God was calling people everywhere he went. Some would receive Christ. They would begin to meet together to worship God. They would become churches.

When Paul went as a missionary, what did he want to plant? _____

9. Paul wanted to plant churches. He wanted people to receive Christ. Then he wanted them to meet together. In churches they would worship God and help each other.

Acts 14:23:

And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed.

Do you think Paul expected the churches to stay small? _____

10. We do not think he expected them to stay small. He put elders in charge of them. If there were only a few believers, they would not need elders. At first the believers were few. But as more people believed, leaders would be needed. So Paul put leaders at each church.

Acts 16:5:

So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

What did Paul expect the churches to do? _____

11. He expected the churches to grow. This is important. If missionaries do not expect churches to grow, they usually remain small. But if missionaries expect growth, they pray. They plan for growth. They prepare for growth. They help the churches choose elders. They help the churches send their own missionaries.

Acts 18:9-11:

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent ... for I have many people in this city." And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

In Acts, who worked well because he expected churches to grow? _____

12. Paul did this. He expected churches to grow in numbers and in strength. He did not stay with one church fearing it would die. He kept planting new churches. When he wrote to the churches, he thanked God that they were growing.

Colossians 1:3-6:

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus ... the gospel which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing -- so among yourselves.

What is the fourth good way Paul used in planting churches?

- (1) He went to important places.
- (2) He preached to those who would listen.
- (3) He always preached about Jesus.

(4) _____

13. He expected churches to grow. We must do this too. We must plant new churches. We must teach them God's word. We must pray for them. We must visit them. And we must expect them to grow. If we expect them to grow, we will help them choose leaders. We will help them understand God's word for themselves. We will help them bring new people to Christ.

What are the first three good ways Paul used in planting churches?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

14. Paul went to important places. He preached to those who would listen. He always preached about Christ.

What is the fourth good way Paul used in planting churches? _____

15. Paul expected churches to grow. God wants the church to grow and grow and grow. Your church has sent out missionaries to near places. God also wants churches to grow in other tribes and other countries. Perhaps your church by itself cannot send missionaries so far. But if you work together with other churches, you can send missionaries far away.

Talk to the leaders of other churches about this. Plan a meeting to talk about these questions: What other tribes need the gospel? What other countries need the gospel? How could missionaries be sent to these places? How could the missionaries live? Should they work with their hands as Paul made tents? How much could the churches give the missionaries? Who should go? Pray about these things together. Write the date of your meeting.

16. What are the third and fourth good ways Paul used in planting churches?

- (1) He went to important places.
- (2) He preached to those who would listen.
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

WEEK 10: THE WORK OF ACTS MUST GO ON
DAY 4: WE MUST DO THIS WORK BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. We have come to the end of this study. But we have not come to the end of the work. We have only started. We are now ready to work as Paul did.

Write four good ways Paul used in planting churches.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

2. Paul went to important places. He preached to those who would listen. He always preached about Christ. He expected churches to grow.

Paul and other church leaders obeyed the command of Christ. They took the good news all over the world. We have seen in Acts how the church grew. But the early church leaders are not with us today. Let us learn:

We are the ones to do
the work of Acts by the
Holy Spirit today.

Think what you learned at the beginning of the book of Acts. Say Acts 1:8 to yourself. To whom did Jesus say these words?

3. He said them to His disciples. We are His disciples today. So He was speaking to us too. He said we would have power to witness for Him. Through the Holy Spirit we can witness for Him to the ends of the earth.

The work of Jesus went on after He went to heaven. In what book of the Bible do we read this?

4. We read this in the book of Acts. At the beginning of the book there were a few believers in Jerusalem. At the end of the book there were many churches in Asia and Europe. Acts tells mostly about Peter, Paul, and their helpers. But there were disciples working in other places too. Some went to Africa. Some went to India.

Take your Bible now and read the last verses of Acts again. Read Acts 28:30-31. Do these verses really finish the matter, or does it seem that Acts stops in the middle of the story?

5. We think these verses do not finish the matter. It seems that the book of Acts should go on. Many more chapters could be written. Many more churches have been started all over the world. More chapters of Acts could be written today.

Who are the disciples of Jesus today? _____

6. We are the disciples of Jesus today. We still have the command of Jesus. We still have his promises. We must go on with the work by the power of the Holy Spirit.

From Acts 1:8, what work must we go on with today? _____

7. It is the work of witnessing for Christ. It is speaking for Him near our homes, in our country, and in other countries. It is the work of planting churches. It is work of the book of Acts. But we cannot do this work by ourselves.

By whose power did Jesus say we must do the work of the book of Acts?

8. We must work by the power of the Holy Spirit. We must let His power work through us. But we must get up and go. God will not force us to go. He left it to us to decide to go.

Who must do the work of the book of Acts by the Holy Spirit today?

9. We ourselves must do it. It is not enough to talk about it. We must go and speak. Our churches must make plans to send missionaries. Think what will happen if the work of Acts stops. The church will stop growing. We must plant churches. We must help them grow. This is the great work of the church. Other missionaries worked hard to bring us the good news of Christ.

Should we, the African church, keep the good news for ourselves and refuse to take it to others?

10. We must not do this. We have relatives and friends who do not know Christ. There are other tribes near us who have not understood. Other countries in Africa have few missionaries. There are some countries in the world where people have never heard of Christ!

In some places there are churches which have become cold. The people have buildings to meet in. But the leaders no longer preach the power of Christ to save.

What do you think we, the African church, must do? _____

11. Be ready to share your answer in class. I believe we must send missionaries. We must plant churches. We must carry on the work of witnessing for Christ.

We can no longer say, "We are too weak. Our churches are too small. We do not understand how to do the work of Acts." No! We understand now. We have studied Acts. We have seen the command of Christ. We have seen how the missionaries worked. We have seen how the Holy Spirit worked.

Who must do the work of the book of Acts by the Holy Spirit today? _____

12. We must do it. Think about these questions and be ready to write answers. Be ready to talk about them in class. On the examination you will have to write good answers to these questions.

What new things are you yourself now doing to witness to people?

What new missionary work is being done by your home church?

What new ways of doing the work of Acts are planned by your church and others working together?

13. Who must do the work of the book of Acts by the Holy Spirit today? _____

What new things are you yourself now doing to witness to people? _____

What new missionary work is being done by your home church? _____

What ways of doing the work of Acts are planned by your church and others working together? _____

WEEK 10: THE WORK OF ACTS MUST GO ON
DAY 5: REVISION

We have seen that Acts is a wonderful book. It shows what happened after Christ returned to heaven. His work went on. The Holy Spirit through the disciples worked in the world. In a way, the book of Acts has not ended. It is still going on today. It is up to us to work by the Holy Spirit. Now let us go over the lessons of Weeks 9 and 10.

Questions from Week 9.

1. Whom did God use to save Paul's life when 40 Jews planned to kill him in Jerusalem?

(1) _____

(2) _____

What does this teach us about our lives? _____

2. What great thing did Paul talk about to Governor Felix, Governor Festus, and King Agrippa? _____

3. What did Governor Felix answer Paul? _____

What did Governor Festus answer Paul? _____

What did King Agrippa answer Paul? _____

4. Felix, Festus, and Agrippa kept Paul in prison. Did they say he was guilty or not guilty? _____

5. From Paul's witness to King Agrippa, why does God send missionaries to people? Answer by writing Acts 26:18.

6. Write two ways Paul knew God was taking care of him on the journey to Rome.

(1) _____

(2) _____

Questions from Week 10.

7. From Acts 28, how did Paul live in Rome? _____

What did Paul do while he lived in Rome for two years? _____

8. Write four good ways Paul used in planting churches.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

9. Who must do the work of the book of Acts by the Holy Spirit today? _____

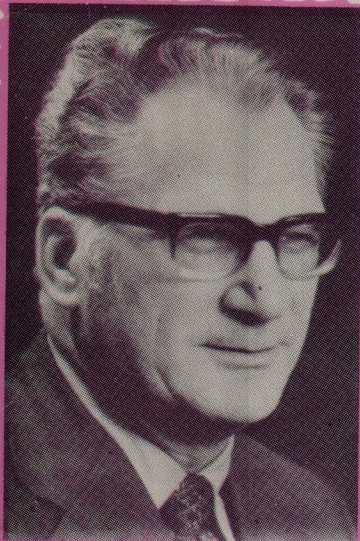
10. What new things are you yourself now doing to witness to people? _____

11. What new missionary work is being done by your home church?

12. What new ways of doing the work of Acts are planned by your church and others working together? _____

When you know all these answers, go back to pages 70, 118, 182. Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer every question. Take two or three days for this revision if you can.

If you know the answers, you will do well on the examination. But if you have really learned well, you will carry on the work of Acts. Thank you for studying this book. May the Lord bless you in your work.



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