

ACTS: The Gospel Goes to Rome

August 14

Warm-Up Question:

Describe a recent time where you saw the gospel bring change to yourself or someone you know.

READ: Acts 28:14-31

I. The Gospel Produces FAMILY

- ▶ Review VS 14-15. How did the church in Rome show themselves as a family to Paul?

- ▶ What's the difference from "going to church" and "being the church"? What does God call us to do in the NT to each other as the church that we can't do on a Sunday morning?

II. The Gospel Advances Through TRIBULATION

- ▶ Read Acts 28:16; 14:22b; and 2 Tim. 4:5. Name some of the adversity that Paul endured in his life.

- ▶ How do Christians often live with wrong expectations in terms of living free from adversity? Do you feel you live with a right expectation?

III. The Gospel is UNSTOPPABLE

- ▶ How did people respond to the gospel in Rome? Have you had a time where you hardened your heart toward God? If so, share how God softened your heart.

- ▶ Review VS 30-31. How did the gospel go out unhindered, even after Paul was eventually executed?

- ▶ Where and to whom do you long to see the gospel break through any hardness. Take time to pray that God would soften their heart and open their eyes. How might be God calling you to be involved in that?

- ▶ Where do want the gospel to work more deeper and unhindered in your life?

