

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. What is the longest trip you have taken?
2. What memories can you share of that trip?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to Acts 22:25-28, why did Paul go to Rome?
3. Before Paul goes to Rome, he is on the Island of Malta. Please read Acts 28:1-11.
  - a. How long was Paul on Malta?
  - b. What happened while he was on Malta?
  - c. How was the gospel of Jesus Christ spread on Malta?
4. Paul eventually goes to Rome. Paul traveled 2,130 miles from Jerusalem to Rome.

Please read Acts 28:12-16.

What was Paul's condition when he arrived in Rome?

5. Paul invites leading Jewish men to hear a speech. According to Acts 28:17-22, what did he tell them?
6. Paul preaches the gospel in Acts 28:23-28. What prophet did Paul refer to, and where can it be found in the Old Testament?
7. According to the last two verses in Acts, what did Paul do?

Please finish reading Acts 28:30-31.

8. While Paul was in Rome, he could not travel. He would teach and preach to anyone that visited him. But he did write three letters while he was in Roman custody. We know these letters in our Bible as Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.
  - a. Read the first two verses in each letter.
  - b. Please read any favorite verses that you have in these three letters.
  - c. Does this change your perspective of Paul's writings in these letters?

9. Please read Philippians 1:12-14. What is God telling you in this passage?

**Application**

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- It may not look like you think... Paul was in the will of God, but he didn't plan to be in chains in Rome.
- God needs courageous Christians who will live out their faith regardless of what others think.
- "The two years' prolongation of Paul's stay in Rome could be accounted for adequately by congestion of court business. It took that time for his case to come up for hearing." (Bruce)