WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of Sunday November 8, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 28:30–31**, Paul is under house arrest, but the message of Jesus continues to move forward. God does not promise that every difficulty will disappear or that every situation will turn out the way we hope, but He invites us to trust Him and remain faithful. When life feels uncertain, discouraging, or beyond our control, it's easy to believe nothing will ever change. Yet God is still at work, even when we cannot see what He is doing. As we talk together, let's consider how trusting Jesus can change the way we face challenges and live out our faith.

Main Passage:

Acts 28:30–31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The King Has One More Move

READ ALOUD

Acts 28:30–31

Opening Question: What's a time when something didn't go as planned but still led to something good?

- What stands out to you about Paul's circumstances and actions in these verses?
- What words or details show how Paul continued his mission despite his limitations?
- What does Paul's example teach us about trusting God when our circumstances are difficult?
- Where might we be waiting for our circumstances to change before taking a step of faith?

APPLY

- Where in your life have discouragement, disappointment, or unanswered prayers made it difficult to trust God?
- What would it look like to remain faithful to Jesus in that situation, even if nothing changes immediately?
- Paul continued sharing Jesus despite his circumstances. What opportunities might God be giving you to make Jesus known right where you are?

RESPOND

- What is one specific step of obedience you can take this week, regardless of your circumstances?
- Who is one person you can encourage, pray for, or share the hope of Jesus with this week?

DIGGING DEEPER *(optional)*

Acts 28:17–28

- What different responses do people have to Paul's message about Jesus?
- How does Paul respond when people disagree with or reject his message?
- How does this conversation help us understand why Acts ends by describing the gospel as being preached "without hindrance"?

PRAY

Invite group members to share an area of life where they need to trust God, especially if they feel discouraged, uncertain, or stuck.

Pray together, asking God to strengthen your faith, give you courage to obey Him, and help you recognize opportunities to make Jesus known. Pray for anyone facing difficult circumstances or waiting for answers. Thank Jesus that His grace is sufficient and His work continues, even when we cannot see what comes next.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 28:30–31

- What was happening in Paul's life that made following Jesus difficult?
- What did Paul keep doing, even when he couldn't go wherever he wanted?
- When is it hard for you to trust Jesus?
- What's one way our family can show or tell someone about Jesus this week?

For younger children: Remind your children that Jesus is with them even when things are hard. Help them think of one simple way they can listen to and obey Him this week.

For older kids or students: What's one situation where you need to trust Jesus more, and how could that change what you do this week?

BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

Scripture to read as you pray this week:

- **Day 1:** Acts 27:1–8
- **Day 2:** Acts 27:9–12
- **Day 3:** Acts 27:13–26
- **Day 4:** Acts 27:27–38
- **Day 5:** Acts 27:39–44

What's Going On?

The book of Acts tells how the Holy Spirit empowered ordinary followers of Jesus to carry the gospel from Jerusalem into the surrounding world. Throughout the book, believers face opposition, imprisonment, persecution, and even death, yet the message of Jesus continues to spread.

In the closing verses, Paul has finally reached Rome, but not as a free traveler. He is under house arrest, unable to continue his missionary journeys. Still, he welcomes visitors, teaches about Jesus, and boldly proclaims God's kingdom.

Acts ends without telling us everything that happens next in Paul's life. Instead, it leaves us with a picture of the gospel continuing to advance. The same Jesus who worked through the early church continues His work through His people today.

A Bit of Background

Jesus told His followers in Acts 1:8 that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Rome was the center of the Roman Empire, making Paul's arrival there a significant moment in the spread of the gospel. Although Paul was under house arrest, he could still receive visitors and proclaim Jesus.

The final words of Acts emphasize that Paul preached with boldness and "without hindrance." This does not mean Paul faced no restrictions or difficulties. It reminds us that even imprisonment could not stop the message of Jesus from advancing.