

PREACHING CURRICULUM



THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES ACTS 28

"...Christian's have a moral foundation that never changes...we live courageously when our flesh is weak...we persist under persecution...we are Great commission Christians every day..."

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

In a broad sense, how is the book of Acts a history of how to do Great Commission ministry? Can you spot the contrast between "great consumerism" and Great Commission in the text? _____

How is the response of Paul in the face of crises different from those that were native to the island of Malta? (An otherwise moral people) _____

What do we understand about Paul's perspective on living in a broken world from his reaction to yet another trial (Vs.30-31)? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

As you reflect on this year, have there been times when you treated Christ and Christianity with a consumer mindset? What was the outcome? If not, reflect on your time as a believer, have you ever treated your faith in a consumeristic way? What was the outcome? _____

Have you ever been tempted as the people of Malta to place someone in a higher regard than is proper for the Christian? What was their response? What did you learn about yourself after understanding that this is a form of idolatry? _____

What have you learnt about your resilience to opposition in the face of trials? What has been your response when your ministry of the Gospel has been rejected like Paul's (Vs.30-31)? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What are some of the contrasts that we see borne out in this chapter that help us to see the main teaching of the text, i.e. how did Paul do Great Commission ministry and how do we learn from that and apply it in our context? _____

How do we see in the text and in society today, the truth that foundation-less morality leads to fear and idolatry vs. 1-6? Why did their response turn from fear/idol worship to honor? What can we learn from Pauls’ response? How was this a springboard for the change of heart we see in this chapter (Vs.8-10)? How are you able to do the same today?_

How can we as believers combat the ideologies of fatalism in both culture and the Church? How should Christians see life’s “serpents” in light of the benevolence and sovereignty of God? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you turn 'snake bites' into Gospel ministry opportunities for His glory this week and in the coming New Year? (Don’t seek comfort over obedience, don’t be soft and weak and instead be bold in your faith as Paul was, without hinderance this coming year). _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

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