

A Promise Fulfilled
Text: Acts 28:11-16
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Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2

- a) What is a promise? What is the difference between when God makes a promise; and when man makes a promise?
- b) **Rd Heb. 10:23:** How can we know for sure that when God promises something, we can always trust Him to fulfill it as He knows is best?
- c) What promise(s) of God do you struggle the most to believe in? Why that one/those ones?

God fulfills His promises...

Point 1: _____ **His** _____ **over Mission (vv. 11-14)**

Question: God ensures His promises are fulfilled. Will you trust Him and stay on mission?

Sermon Notes...

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 11-14:** What was God declaring by having Luke write that the ship they were using to sail to Rom had two prominent 'gods' as its figurehead?
- b) **Rd v. 14:** Discuss as a group what God led Paul through, and yet fulfilled His promise for Paul to get to Rome (Acts 23:11). What events stand out for you the most? Why those ones?
- c) Discuss what Paul's journey tells us about how God may choose to fulfill His promises?
- d) Do you struggle with unbelief in God's promises when He doesn't fulfill them in your timing/way and how you think they should look? Why or why not?
- e) How should Jesus's faithfulness during Paul's journey, encourage you to keep the faith and stay courageous in your witness as you live in this world no matter what is going on?

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Point 2: _____ **His** _____ **on Mission (v. 15)**

Question: God fulfills promises to encourages His Church. Will you take courage with others?

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- a) **Rd v. 15:** Discuss what is happening in this verse.
- b) How do we know Jesus has been faithfully building His Church in Rome before Paul got there?
- c) What is the impact on Paul when He sees Jesus's faithfulness when the brothers show up?
- d) By God's design, the church is stronger when we are together. Why would He do this?
- e) Think of the others in your small group. Now, spend time writing down ways you see some promises of God being fulfilled in the lives of your other small group members and leaders. Be prepared to share them with your groups.
- f) Spend time in prayer for one another, thanking the Lord for His faithfulness to you all!

God fulfills His promises...

Point 3: _____ His _____ for Mission (v. 16)

Question: When God fulfills promises, the kingdom is the goal. Will you stay ready for impact?

Sermon Notes...

Question #5

- a) **Rd v. 16:** How did Jesus position Paul for more impact on mission when He brought him to Rome?
- b) "A promise granted is a platform given." Discuss as a group why this is.
- c) What promises has God fulfilled in your life that have now positioned you to minister to others?
- d) What is one next step you can take this week in the power of Jesus to use that platform to witness to others?
- e) How did God fulfilling His promise to send Jesus, position us, as followers of Christ, to make disciples of all nations?

Question #6

Since this is (now) our last set of small group questions for the book of Acts...

- a) What stood out to you the most in this book? Why that?
- b) What area(s) do you need to grow the most in living your life on Mission in the Lord as His witness?
- c) What are some ways that you can ask your small group to support you in doing this?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 28:11-16**...

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are the promise-keeper who is _____ .
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I repent of my unbelief in Your promise of (Get specific)_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you for fulfilling Your promise to build Your church by_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, help me to trust You that You will fulfill Your promise of _____ when_____.

Memory Verse:

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."

-Hebrews 10:23

