

Series: Centrifugal Faith

Scripture and Background Information for October November 29-December 05.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we are closing our series "Centrifugal Faith." Remember, Luke showed in Acts how the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ motivated believers to proclaim Christ's good news. They were willing to lose their professional careers, their freedom, and even their lives.

Background for Acts 28:16-31:

Paul was driven by the message of Jesus and His resurrection. Right after he entered Rome, he continued his ministry. Paul, still in chains, called the Jewish leaders together and started to tell them his story. The Jews agreed to further listen to Paul. They decided to have a meeting together at the house where Paul was. Remember, he was under house arrest (28:16). At the meeting, Paul shared the Gospel with them. Some of them started believing, while others disagreed with him. Since some disagreed with Paul, Paul showed them that their reaction was already prophesied in the Old Testament.

For two years, Paul stayed in jail. The prison did not stop Paul from proclaiming the gospel. The centrifugal force of the resurrection gave Paul power to continue his mission, even during his hardest times.

Some questions to engage with the text:

1. When Paul tells his story, what does he say about his motivation (28:20)?
2. What reaction did Paul's response toward the unbelievers create in the Jews?
3. How can Paul's example of hospitality help us to testify to others (28:16,23,30)?

Notice: Luke never really finishes his account. He kept the ending open. God is not finished with the Acts of his people. Even today, God continues to build His kingdom, and he uses You for it!

Scriptures for upcoming weeks:

December 06-12

December 13-19

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Ruth