

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM

The Book of Acts

PART 21: THE END OF THE BEGINNING

DISCUSSION STARTER

What have you enjoyed most about our study of Acts? What has challenged or encouraged you, particularly in the latter chapters around Paul's ministry?

BIBLE STUDY

1. **READ ACTS 28:1-6.** What does vs 3 tell us about Paul's leadership?
2. What does vs 4 tell us about the religion of the Maltese people? Why did they change their minds so quickly about Paul (vs 6)?
3. Did God use even this snake bite incident for His glory?
4. **READ ACTS 28:7-10.** Who accompanied Paul into Publius' home (vs 7)? Why was this crucial to the events of vs 9?
5. What kind of impact do you think Paul and his companions made in Malta in the three months they spent there?
6. **READ ACTS 28:11-16.** What is meant by the term 'brothers' in vs 14? Why was it so encouraging for Paul to meet so many 'brothers' en route to Rome (vs 15)?
7. **READ ACTS 28:17-24.** What is the 'Hope of Israel' Paul speaks about in vs 20?
8. How was the response of the Jews to Paul's ministry a fulfillment of Acts 23:11?
9. Where did Paul minister from (vs 23)? Why was this venue ideal (see vs 30-31)?
10. **READ ACTS 28:25-32.** What was the subject in Paul's final statement that caused the Jews to 'depart' in vs 25? What offended them in what he said?
11. Why do you believe the book of Acts ends so abruptly?
12. What lessons have you learnt in Acts about God's faithfulness to those who do His work?

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, help us to proclaim the Kingdom with boldness and without hindrance!