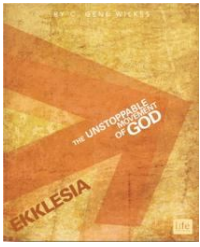


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Declaring God's Kingdom: Paul in Rome

Biblical Truth: God used unexpected circumstances to finally bring Paul to Rome, where he was able to preach the gospel unhindered for two years to both Jews and Gentiles.

Primary Scripture: Acts 28:23-31 Secondary: Acts 28:11-22

Memory Verse: Acts 28:18 "Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"

Opening Question:

Do I see undesirable situations as opportunities from God to fulfill His purposes?

IMPORTANT POINTS.....

1. We should take advantage of every _____ to share the Good News with others with whom we have an _____ (Acts 28:23-24).
2. Those who hear God's words can _____ or _____ His message (Acts 28:25-27).
3. The Good News of the gospel is _____ to all—no one is excluded (Acts 28:28-29).
4. We should receive all who come to us with _____ about the gospel (Acts 28:30-31).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.....

- How often do we see undesirable or trying times as punishment from God instead of an opportunity to see Him work in our lives?
- What do we need to do to adjust our focus to be able to see every situation as a divine encounter orchestrated by God?
- Why is it that our most difficult times can often be the most rewarding spiritually?

CHALLENGE.....

It is our job to present the Gospel. Whether someone hears and believes is God's concern. Therefore, we don't have to fear about saying the wrong thing. God can use anything but our silence. The challenge this week is to intentionally share God in some way this week, sharing a faith flag, a faith story, or the Gospel. (See *Going Public with your Faith*.)

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK.....

Lesson: #45 The Attitude of Christ: The Unified Church
 Passages: Primary: Philippians 2:1-11. Supporting Passages: Eph. 4:1-6, Phil. 1:27-39, John 17:20-21, 1 Cor. 10:1-17
 For Memory: Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Don't miss these coming events!

- Dec. 1 Family Advent Service
- Dec. 3 Deeper Still Women's Conf./B'ham
- Dec. 8 Budget Q&A
- Dec. 12 Church Conference (Budget Vote)
- Dec. 13 Heart & Home Brunch for Women
- Dec. 15 Orientation for Home Group Leaders
- Dec. 18 Feeding the Needy in Alabaster
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:00pm
- Dec. 26 Two Worship Services (9:30, 11:00am)
 No ABS, LifeGroups, or Studio 3:16
Preschool offered for babies - threes.
- Jan. 9 Church 30th Anniversary Celebration

Discovering ABS Leadership

If you would be interested in leading or co-leading an Adult Bible Study Class, join us on Sunday, December 12, 11:30am in Room SGB-02 for an introduction to Westwood's ABS Ministry and the leadership process. Online registration available.

Night of Laughter

Men and Women's Ministry proudly presents "A Night of Laughter" with Beth Chapman. Beth was a stand-up comedian, touring with folks like Jeff Foxworthy, before serving as Alabama's Secretary of State. Join us at the Alabaster Campus on Thursday night, December 16. The evening will begin with desserts at 6:00pm, followed by the program at 6:30pm. This is a free event.

Great Christmas Gift for Women

Kelly Minter *Loss, Love and Legacy*

resources have arrived. Get a Combo Pack of Book and ticket or CD and ticket for the women you love. Kelly is coming to lead a Women's Conference here at Westwood on April 29-30. You can get a great deal and women can get to know Kelly before the event. Either are available in The Source for \$23 now.

Remember These?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

2 Cor. 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.