

Sermon Discussion Questions

Serving:

Leaders, please share the following volunteer opportunities with your group members each week. Thanks!

Highlighted Opportunity: Are you friendly, love people and enjoy making others feel at home? If this is you, explore more about serving on our First Impressions Team [HERE](#) for Lakeside and [HERE](#) for Heber-Overgaard.

Other Serving Needs Include: Hospitality Team, Clean Team, Worship Team, Security, First Impressions, Elder Care, His Kidz Teachers, Classroom Helpers and Registration, Next Gen Youth Leaders, Audio/Visual and Next Step Team.

DATE: March 15th, 2026

SERMON TITLE: Spoken Against

MAIN POINT: The world does not understand why the church lives so differently. When the gospel is believed - Hope is certain, Community is Essential, Faith is Visible.

SERMON SCRIPTURE: [Acts 28:11-22](#)

REVIEW: [Acts 28:11-22](#)

(Click the links in blue for easier reading!)

Use this time to revisit the Scripture and Sermon together. Encourage open and honest conversation while asking and answering questions as a group.

Questions:

➤ **Comprehension:**

What does the passage say in your own words?

Questions or things you don't understand? Now is the time to ask!

➤ **Interpretation:** What is the purpose of the passage for them and for us?

➤ **Interpretation:** What are the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns?

➤ **Interpretation:** Why does Paul immediately call the local Jewish leaders together in Rome (v. 17) rather than focusing immediately on Gentiles?

➤ **Interpretation:** How do you think Paul felt when learning that there had been no letters or word that had reached the Jewish Leaders about him? (think of all that Paul had gone through that led him to this moment)

➤ **Application:** The Jewish leaders were curious but warned of opposition. How do you personally respond when your faith is misunderstood or opposed?

➤ **Application:** Paul was permitted to stay by himself but was still guarded by a soldier. How can you use your current “limitations” (health, job, or financial status) as a platform to share the Gospel, just as Paul did from house arrest?

➤ **Application:** Even though Paul was a prisoner, the leaders found his views “worth hearing”. How can you live in a way that makes your message—and the Gospel—credible and worth hearing to those who don't yet believe?

➤ **Dig Deeper:** Additional Scripture from the Sermon to study throughout the week.

1. [Acts 1:8](#)
 2. [Acts 28:14](#)
 3. [Hebrews 10:24-25](#)
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PREPARE: Read [Acts 28:23-31](#) together in preparation for next week. Use this time together to explore where we are going and how we can better understand the text.

- **What things stand out to you?**
 - **Why was this important then?**
 - **How can we apply it today?**
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➤ **Group Prayer:** Take a moment and share together how this community has impacted your life. Pray together to end the night from a place of thankfulness.

Personal Questions (for monthly breakouts):

- What life challenges are you facing this week?
- How are you responding to those challenges?
- How can we pray for your heart in those challenges?
- What sins are you holding onto right now?
- How can we help keep you accountable?
- How can we be praying for you personally this month?
- Share one way God has been working in your heart and life this past month!