**PAUL IN HIS RENTED HOUSE**

Acts 28:16-31

Key Verse 28:30-31 “For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus—with all boldness and without hindrance!”

1. Review why Paul came to Rome as a prisoner. (23:11; 25:11-12) What was Paul’s situation as a prisoner in Rome? (16,30)

2. Why did Paul start preaching the gospel to the Jews first? (17-20; cf. Romans 1:16) What is the hope of Israel? (20, 26:6-7) What does he mean by saying, “It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain?”

3. What was the initial response of the Jews? (21-22) What did Paul talk to them about? (23) What was the source of his teaching? (cf. 17:3)

4. What was the response of the Jews of Rome? (24-25a, 29) How did Paul understand Jewish rejection of the gospel in light of Isaiah’s prophecy? (25b-27)

5. In spite of house arrest, how did Paul boldly proclaim the gospel in Rome? (30-31) How does Paul preaching the gospel in Rome under house arrest show God’s world salvation plan? (28) How does this fulfill Jesus’ promise at the beginning of Acts? (1:8)