



Week 33 | July 21 Sermon

Community: *If your GROUPS are like mine have been, you are likely still on this topic!*

This may be a good opportunity to start or continue talking about what is next for your GROUP. It is good to have these conversations together and to make concrete decisions so that everyone knows what to expect and how to prepare. Do you have vacations coming up within the GROUP in the next couple of weeks? Realistically, when will you all be together? How will you mark the end of the series? Is there a significant spiritual step you are being called to as a GROUP? Is there a way that you can play and celebrate together? Even for those of you who plan to continue gathering together, it is a good idea to mark the end of this season and celebrate it. It is also good for you take a little bit of a break before starting into what's next. You have been at this for quite some time now, and rhythms of rest are healthy and important for all of us.

Take time to pray together about what God has next for you as a GROUP and as individuals. Make some concrete plans and set yourselves up for success to execute those plans well.

Be blessed to receive all that our good Father has for you in community.

Be blessed in the company of those who understand you and with whom you belong.

Be blessed knowing that you are His child, co-heirs with Christ, and that in community you are surrounded by others with the same sonship, daughtership and Kingdom destiny.

Be blessed to live out your Kingdom destiny through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, giving Him all the glory and all the praise, for He is the only one who deserves it.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

GROUPS

Sermon Title: Destination Rome Part 2 | Text: Acts 28

Auditorium Discussion Questions::

1. Kevin has often said that faith is “caught, not taught.” Discuss what has influenced you most (positively or negatively) in your relationship or walk with Jesus.
2. Throughout Acts, Paul lived out Acts 1:8 by spreading the Gospel continuously during his extensive travels. Beyond preaching, how did Paul serve as a witness for Jesus?
3. Why do you think many non-believers see Christians as hypocritical or phony? What do you think could be done to overcome that perception?
4. What do you consider important in living a life of authenticity? What are the biggest challenges or obstacles you face in this area?
5. In what ways can Christians (or you individually) be more authentic?

Sanctuary Discussion Questions::

Please read Acts 28:

What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you consider the word, “paradox?”

Paradox is defined as “a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement that when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded or true.”

Please read and reflect on this idea of paradox as it relates to Paul’s imprisonment in Rome:

Philippians 1:12-14

Ephesians 6:10-13, 19-20

Romans 8:18, 31-39

Kevin sought to unpack the idea of paradox by using these word couplets:

Detours	Destination
Fear	Faith
Prison	Home
Chained	Free
Isolated	Accessible
Silenced	Expressive
Acts 1:8	Acts 28:31

Do any of these stand out for you? Why?

