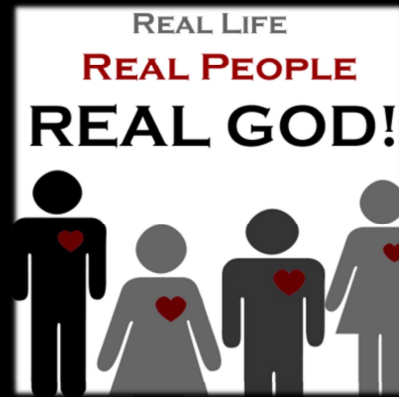




**REAL LIFE GROUPS  
ACTIVE LOVE CHURCH  
JULY 11TH, 2021**

- Worship
- Teaching
- Discussion
- Prayer





## VISION

We want every one in McGregor to have an opportunity to experience the *active* love and presence of God.



Get It



Grow It



Give It



## ACTS SERIES

- Pentecost and Overview
- The First Church (Acts 1-4)
- Witnesses in Jerusalem (Acts 5-8:3)
- Witnesses in Judea and Samaria (8:4-12)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Journey (Acts 13-15:35)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36-18:22)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-25:12)
- **Journey to Rome (Acts 25:13-28)**



## MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

- Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. - Jesus
- Acts 2:42 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Luke
- Acts 7:55 - But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. - Stephen



## MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

- Acts 11:15 - "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning." - Peter
- Acts 15:29 - "You must abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. If you do this, you will do well." - James
- Acts 16:31 - "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." - Paul
- Acts 23:6c - "I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead." - Paul



<https://www.biblestudy.org/maps/apostle-paul-fourth-missionary-journey-map.html>



## PAUL PREACHES FOR 2 YEARS

### 24-26

- Paul has the opportunity to speak to Gov Felix, Gov Fetus, and King Agrippa!
- Festus wants to send Paul back to Jerusalem for trial, but Paul appeals to Caesar to protect his life and spread the gospel.
- Paul provides an outline for our testimonies.



## PAUL'S TESTIMONY OUTLINE

### Acts 26

- 1-3: Honor your audience
- 4-11: Describe your life before Christ, pre-encounter
- 12-18: Emphasize your encounter with Christ
  - What, Why, How (Who, When, Where details are typically not valuable)
- 19-23: Describe your life after Christ, post-encounter
- 29: Bless your audience

Also refer you to the 3C's of Testimonies:

- Clear
- Concise
- Credit to God





## PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

### 27-28

- Paul is shipwrecked, bitten by a poisonous snake, and stranded on an island for months.
- The an angel appeared to Paul and reassured him that no one would die in the shipwreck. (27:23)
- Paul healed “all of the sick people on the island” (28:9)
- Paul meets with believers in Italy on his way to Rome.
  - Many did not accept the gospel. ☹ (28:24-28)
- While under 2 years of house arrest in Rome, Paul wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon

Was the enemy trying to keep Paul from getting to Rome?

Or did God use all of these things to show that God had preserved Paul through these perils as an ordained carrier of the message of the Gospel?



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## PAUL RETURNS TO CRETE TITUS, 1 TIMOTHY

- Paul is acquitted of charges in AD 62/63
- He returns to Crete to support Titus by establishing elders
- Returns via Nicopolis, while there writes Titus and 1 Timothy
- It's possible Paul may have visited Spain next, that was certainly his intention 5 years earlier in Romans 15.



## END OF THE ROAD FOR PAUL

- In AD 64, Rome burned for 6 days
- Christians were persecuted in Rome from that point forward
- Paul was re-arrested
- Paul wrote his final letter, *2 Timothy*, sometime around 64/65
- Extra-biblical historians state that Paul was beheaded by Emperor Nero in the mid to late 60s.

<https://seanmcdowell.org/blog/was-paul-beheaded-in-rome>



## NEW MEMORY VERSE

- Acts 28:28: “So I want you know that this salvation from God has also been offered to the Gentiles, and they will accept it.” - Paul



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Write down the memory verse, Acts 28:28
- Spend a few minutes reviewing the memory verses
- Read Acts 26 and 28
- How did we see the Holy Spirit working in these chapters?
- What promise, truth, or command is being highlighted to you?