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## Application Guide: Acts 28

### 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. How do you feel when you go someplace new and people are friendly and accepting of you? Give an example of a time this has happened to you and how it made you feel.

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- b. How do you feel when you go someplace new and people are *not* friendly and accepting? Give an example of a time this has happened to you and how it made you feel.

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### 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

**Picture it:** Imagine you are with Paul on this journey. You are also a prisoner being taken to Rome to face trial—and possible death—even though you’ve done nothing wrong. How would you feel to be in chains and tossed around in this huge storm? Do you think you would be scared when the ship starts to break apart?

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Fortunately, the guards have removed your chains so you can swim to shore. How do you think you would feel swimming in a raging sea? Do you think you would feel like it’s a miracle that you made it to shore, or just good luck? After surviving the storm and making it to shore, how would you feel if the snake bites you instead of Paul? Would you be tempted to feel like someone is out to get you and become depressed, or would you be carefree like Paul?

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On top of all the other supernatural activity surrounding Paul, he now goes around this island as a prisoner, healing every person who has a physical ailment. How do you think one person can have such a positive attitude and an amazing life?

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Compare Paul with Superman. How are they similar? How are they different?

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When you look over Paul's whole life, do you think you would like to trade places with him if you could or keep the life you have today? Why/why not?

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**3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

- a. Analyze your attitude towards life. Are you a confident optimist like Paul, or are you more pessimistic in nature?
- b. What do you think you can do to be more like Paul in your approach to life?
- c. Write out an action plan for living life more like Paul. Start with your devotional life, then move on to training for ministry and getting involved in lots of different activities.

**4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

- a. Pray and ask Jesus to help you live your life well. God doesn't need everyone to be a Paul, but He definitely needs you to be on His side and use the talents He has given you for His cause. Ask Him to guide and direct you into the plan He has for your life.
- b. Ask Jesus to help you discover the talents He has given you, and to make you bold in standing up for Him.
- c. Ask Jesus to bring people into your life that can help you in your spiritual journey with Him.

**5. Outreach Idea**

Tell someone you know about the things you've learned in this journey through Acts. Ask this person to join you in going through the study guides as you try to further learn and apply the principles Paul teaches here.