



Hearing & Understanding - Acts 28:11-30

1. Why do you think it is significant that after all of this turmoil with the Jews, Paul continues to bring them the Gospel? Acts 28:17
Read Romans 1:16.

2. Discuss the following scripture; Proverbs 18:2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion. How does this quote reflect on you?

3. What are some ways in which we can become better listeners? What role does being a good listener play in how we relate to non-believers? How can being a good listener help bring someone to faith in Christ?

4. In Acts 28:23, we see Paul spent all day with the Jews ministering and answering their questions. What does that tell us about how sometimes conversion takes time and isn't always instantaneous?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-9. How does this verse describe our role in evangelism? What parts are we to do, and what part do we leave to God?

6. How does our posture to understand the Word of God, a sermon, or even others' prayers reflect on our receptiveness to the things of God? What should our posture be towards the things of God? What should our posture be not just to hear but to understand?

7. In Acts 28:25-27, Paul rebukes the non-believing Jews by quoting the prophet Isaiah. What are some ways that we can blind ourselves to the things of God? What are some ways we can plug our ears toward the things of God? What are some ways we can harden our hearts towards the things of God?