

# Blindness and Belief (2/9/25)

**Main Verses:** Acts 28:23-28

**Verse:** Acts 28:26

**'Takeaway':** When others fail to respond to the Good News about Jesus, we should remember that God has a plan, even when it comes to belief and unbelief.

**Getting Started:** Have you ever planned something? What did you do when it worked out? When it didn't?



**READ:** Acts 28:23-28 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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Talk to God. Thank him for his perfect plan for redemption for his people. Thank him that each of us has the privilege of sharing his love and grace with those around us. Talk to God when you feel sad that others don't believe, and ask him to help you this week to share his love and shine a light for him in all that you think, say, and do.

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Talk to God. Thank him for his perfect plan for redemption for his people. Thank him that we have the privilege of sharing his good news with those around us. Talk to God when you feel sad that others don't believe, and ask him to help you share that Good News with those in your life - and to not be discouraged if they do not respond to it, knowing that God will move as he wills.