What does it take to be a witness for Christ? How about a special calling, the spiritual gift of evangelism, self-confidence, years of Bible school, a degree in apologetics, a radio voice, good looks, etc. I think you may have guessed where I'm going with this. While any of those things may work for you, it is not about me/us/you. Think of this, Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (1:8). As we've experienced the witness of the Holy Spirit in our study of Acts, we've been inspired and challenged to carry on in the power of the Spirit, to be His witnesses. We close this study with a charge; be a winsome witness!

The promise: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses

**Outcomes:** 

## Chapter 28:

- Paul knew why he was in Rome
- He took a winsome approach to "his mission"
- He built on common ground

- He accepted their invitation to say more
- He spoke on the authority of scripture
- He accepted their response
- He continued to be a winsome witness

Be a winsome witness!

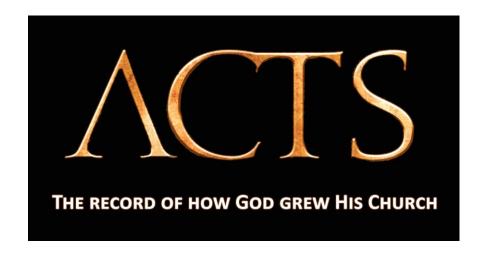
- Winsome hospitality
- Receive power
- His witness
- Your setting

## **Personal Application and Interaction**

- 1. Who do you know that does hospitality well? What's the secret?
- 2. Which elements of the promise of Jesus in Acts 1:8 are a reality in your life?

- 3. How do you see the sovereignty of God playing out in the setting that surrounds your life (why does He have you where you are)?
- 4. A winsome witness for Christ is an "attractive person in countenance and/or character" that draws attention to Jesus. So, what would you like to see happen in that arena of your life?

- 5. How are you establishing common ground with people in your world and what is that doing to open doors to talk with people about Jesus?
- 6. How do you know when the timing is right to say more about Jesus?



## Be a winsome witness!

Acts 28

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