

## May 10

### “Cultivating Community”

Acts 13–28

Sermon:

For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him.

Acts 28:30

Cultivating community is hard work and yields an abundant harvest.

Paul poured himself out.

Paul allowed others to care for him.

Paul persevered in the face of hardship.

Paul lived with a commitment to unity.

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.”

Colossians 3:12-15

Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. As you live in the disruption of this time, may God’s grace be with you, and the Lord of Peace, himself, give you his peace at all times and in every situation. May you have insight and courage to till the soil, cultivate community and reap the harvest before you. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen