

Sovereignty and Responsibility Answer Key

Use this answer key to discuss the students' answers to the Sovereignty and Responsibility activity in their Student Guides.

Let's talk about the relationship you found in these passages.

- 1. In Acts 27:31, what action did Paul take? Was this a necessary thing for him to do?** *Paul stopped the sailors from escaping. Had he not acted, the men would have died even though it had been revealed to Paul that no harm would come to them. To answer the question, you have to accept a paradox. There may have been another way for this to come about, but Paul took the responsibility of action to bring God's plan to pass.*
- 2. In Acts 27:43, what action did the centurion take? Was this a necessary thing for him to do?** *The centurion stopped the soldiers from killing the prisoners. This was necessary since Paul's life had to be spared for him to appear before Caesar, and the men of the ship had to arrive ashore without a hair on their head being harmed to fulfill God's promises.*
- 3. In Acts 9:17, what action did Ananias take? Would Saul have received his sight if Ananias had not gone and prayed for him?** *Ananias went to Saul and prayed for him to receive his sight. Again, to answer the question is to deny what God had ordained to take place. In some sense, Ananias "could have" disobeyed God's command, but God would have brought his plans for Saul to pass regardless of his actions.*
- 4. In Romans 10:9–15, what is the connection between sovereignty and responsibility in sharing the gospel?** *God has ordained that many would come to know Him through the truth of the gospel, but he has also ordained that the main way that will happen is through believers preaching the gospel to others. Man has a responsibility to preach the gospel to bring about God's plan to save people of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.*
- 5. Evaluate this phrase as a summary of the connection between God bringing about His sovereign plans and man participating in those plans: "God uses people to accomplish His purposes on the earth." This phrase is a good, general description of how God generally works in the world, especially to reconcile sinners to Himself and build the kingdom of God.**