

What's Next? | Acts 27:1-28:10 2021 Fall #8

Tips: Helping people to pray is an important step in maturing disciples. Sharing prayer requests is a good tool. Ask for prayer requests in specific areas; emotional, spiritual, and physical needs. This can show people new ways to see God at work. Show you value these requests by setting up a system where they can be easily shared. Some people set up a google doc, Groupme App, or text thread so that folks can add requests through the week. Others have an administrator in the group send an email documenting the requests after each meeting. Ask God how you can use prayer requests as a way to mature the people in your group.

Announcements: Please announce this to your groups this week: There is a great opportunity for members to serve at church in a meaningful way. 5 to 10 children ages K thru 5th grade need two volunteers a week to play and do crafts at the second hour. These adorables need special love because their parents are volunteers and they attend both hours. Contact: angie.hooie@tworiverschurch.org

Administration: Please send an updated ROSTER. There are just a few we have yet to hear from. Just send a quick email with the names of your group members. Thank you. elizabeth.leonard@tworiverschurch.org

My Story Questions

These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Have you ever been seasick or had an experience on rough waters?
- 2) Have you ever been warned not to do something, but did it anyway? What was the result?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Acts 27:1-26

- 1) What phrases describe the conditions and the attitude of the passengers?
- 2) Storms come without much warning and are out of man's control. Describe a storm you faced and how you felt in the midst?
- 3) How did God give Paul favor in the eyes of the other passengers?
- 4) Where has God positioned you to bring encouragement to others?
- 5) Paul describes his relationship with God as "to whom I belong" and "whom I serve" What do those phrases mean to you?
- 6) How does knowing you belong to God give you courage when facing storms?
- 7) How does knowing you are serving Him give you a different perspective in your storms?

Read Acts 27: 21-44

- 8) What promises were given to Paul by the angel of God?
- 9) Who did Paul tell and how does this show his confidence in God's Word?
- 10) What has God spoken to you this week through his word or in a sermon or through His Spirit? How are you showing your confidence in His word?

Read Acts 28:10

- 11) How did God fulfill his promise to spare Paul and the others despite natural and human opposition?
- 12) Why did Luke give the exact number of passengers? What plans does God have for you that will not be thwarted?
- 13) How did Paul's getting bit by a snake end up for good?
- 14) When has God turned something seemingly bad into something good for you?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Read Psalm 121. Lord, What promises do you want to share with me that will help me to trust you.
- 2) Read Romans 8:28 Lord, Open my eyes to see your love and goodness even in difficult circumstances.

For Further Study

- 1) Do you think God brought about this storm? Why or why not? Consider Hebrews 12:7-11, James 1:12-15,