



INTO THE STORM
study guide for Life Groups

WEEK 2: PAUL AND THE STORM

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 27

WARMING UP...

1. As we look at the Apostle Paul's radically different response in the midst of a storm, think about the ways in which you feel like your Christian faith is causing you to respond differently to those around you during our current crisis.

GOING DEEPER...

2. READ ACTS 27:1-9

What do you think gave Paul such insight and foresight into the future while docked in Fair Havens?

READ ACTS 27:13-20

3. Once the Northeaster wind hit the ship, the sailors hurried to secure what they had in fear of disaster. What was your first response to our current crisis and what things have you tried to secure?
4. God had promised Paul in Acts 23:11 that he would be sent to Rome to preach the good news of Jesus. In what ways do you think this promise framed Paul's response at a time when the crew "gave up all hope of being saved"?

5. READ ACTS 27:21-32.

How would you describe Paul's faith in the midst of this trial? Was it a private faith in God's power?

6. Some sailors attempted to escape on lifeboats. What "lifeboats" are you relying on coming through for you, over and above simple trust in God?

7. READ ACTS 27:33-38

In a wonderful moment, Paul breaks bread and gives thanks to God in the middle of the storm. What does this public act of thanksgiving tell us about how we ought to be interacting with God and others right now?

BRINGING IT HOME...

8. Paul and the crew safely arrive in Malta – a place of sweetness and refuge. How important is hope in a time like this? How have you seen God deliver you in the past?
9. Paul was already in chains for Christ before the storm, he was still in chains during the storm and continued to be after the storm, when everyone else went back to their normal lives. How can we continue to be desperate for Christ and ready to sacrifice for him, even when all of this is over?