



ACTS CHAPTER 27 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

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Opening Prayer

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Tell the Story

Read the Story (Acts 27:1-44)

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Breaking it Down

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Acts 27:1-12

- It is important to note that this is Paul's last missionary journey and he begins it as a prisoner. Why is this important to recognize and what does this teach us about the "results" of being faithful and doing God's work?
 - Paul being a prisoner at the beginning of this last missionary journey is extremely significant for you and me today because sometimes, we think and/or believe that the more faithful we are, the more things are going to result in our favor. Yet, this wasn't true of Paul and Paul didn't have the mentality that his reward for his faithfulness would yield an easier road.
 - In what ways do you need to more fully understand that being faithful to God isn't about what you receive but more about who you are privileged to serve?

- This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why are Julius' actions towards Paul in verse 3 not necessarily consistent with him being a centurion in the Augustan Cohort?
 - Julius being in the Augustan Cohort would have made him one of the best of the best centurions regarding experience and military record. Centurions, especially with ones with a great deal of power and influence were not known to be kind to those who were prisoners and yet, Julius doesn't seem to fit that mold both here and at the end of Acts 27.
 - In what ways do you need to be more willing to look at people through the eyes of Jesus rather than your own eyes with preconceived ideas and/or biases?
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Acts 27:13-32

- How do you think Paul was able to remain so calm in such a horrific and terrifying storm?
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 - What steps do you intentionally take to remember who God is and what He is capable of when you face storms in your life?
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- Notice what Paul says to the centurion and the soldiers in verse 31. Why is this significant and how does this apply to us?
 - The centurion and soldiers were trying to escape from the ship and the storm to save their own lives. Paul tells them to stay in the very place that they see poses the most danger. Many times, we desire to change our circumstances for self-preservation as opposed to first considering what God wants us to see and/or learn in those circumstances.

Acts 27:33-44

- How did Paul's attitude and mindset not match his status as a prisoner in verses 33-38?
 - Paul could have very easily felt sorry for himself because of his circumstances, especially in light of his continued faithfulness to God. Yet, he refused to see himself as a victim and actually took on a leadership role even as a prisoner.
 - What in your attitude/mindset needs to change in your walk with Jesus so that you can be more like Paul?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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