

**“Missions in Turbulent Times”
(Acts 27-28)**

We are called to glorify God and spread His Word, even in the midst of severe difficulties encountered on our Christian journey. Paul’s voyage to Rome presents many great lessons on trusting and serving God through difficult and even dangerous times. We can learn and apply these lessons as we closely observe. . .

* Paul’s **Exhortation** (20-28)

* Paul’s **Encouragement** (29-38)

* Paul’s **Protection** (39-44)

* Paul’s **Service** (28:1-10)

* Paul’s **Welcome** (11-16)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share about a boat ride you’ve had. We’ll take anything from a paddleboat ride to an ocean cruise! 😊

1. What are some things we learn about God through the adventures of Acts 27-28? (e.g., His promises, protection, use of hard times, etc.)
2. What are some things we can learn from Paul as we consider how he handled the challenges recorded in Acts 27-28?
3. Consider the sad statement in 27:20 that “all hope was given up.” How do times like these provide an opportunity for God to work, both then and now?
4. How exciting do you think it was for both Paul and his fellow believers when they finally saw each other in Rome? (28:14-15) How would you feel if you were there to greet Paul? What questions would you want to ask him? How could you be a blessing to him?
5. How does Paul use his “down time” of 2 years in house arrest? What are some possible “down times” in our lives in which we can use the time for God-honoring purposes?

Small Group Prayer

Pray specifically for someone you know who is going through a storm of some kind in their life. Pray also for our persecuted brethren in northeast India, and for Pastor K. Vijay who will be with us next Sunday.

Digging Deeper

Go back and re-read Acts 27-28 with a map of Paul’s voyage to Rome in front of you (find it on line or maybe in the back of your Bible). What is one lesson does God want YOU to take away from this journey?