

# Sermon-based Discussion Questions

Sailing on the Promises of God (Acts 27:1-44)

January 23, 2022

1. Did you take long trips as a kid or with your family? If you're willing, share a story about something memorable from one of these trips. How was the journey?
2. Read Acts 27:9-10. Put yourself in Paul's shoes. How do you think he and his shipmates felt as the mood went from difficult to dangerous to despair? Where was God in this storm?
3. Read Acts 27:20; Rom. 5:12; 8:20-21. In what ways are you reminded that we live in a broken world? How might reflecting on the impact of sin on our world point us to our need for a Savior?
4. Read Acts 27:21-26. What might be some reasons that people lose hope and think that God may have abandoned his promises? What council would you give to someone who was seeking answers? (see Psalm 4).
5. Read Acts 27:30-32. Why might it be tempting to seek a way of escape rather than stay with the ship and trust that God won't abandon his promises? How might Romans 8:18-30 help us to endure the storm?
6. Read Acts 27:33-38. What do you think motivated Paul to break bread and give thanks to God in that moment? What are some practical ways that we can celebrate God's goodness even while the storm is still raging and the outcome is still uncertain?