

November 19, 2017- Paul Shipwrecked

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

Ask a “hook question” to get the group going.

- What’s your best snake story?

Share background for the story.

Today’s story appears near the end of Acts and deals with a time in Paul’s life after he was arrested in Jerusalem and finally taken to Rome. The story takes place on the way to Rome.

Tell the story – Acts 27:39 to 28:11 This week’s story is about Paul and a shipwreck.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

Read the story out loud – Read Acts 27:39 to 28:11 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in this story?
4. This story has a great deal of first person commentary from Luke. How do Luke’s personal comments enhance the story? Does this story help your faith in any way?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week’s passage. Acts 28:12-31 Making Disciples in Rome.

Close in Prayer.

November 19, 2017- Paul Shipwrecked – Leader Coaching

[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets []) on the Leader Guide.]

Abiding

[grow as a disciple yourself]

- Is there uncertainty in your personal life? Do you know what the Father would have you do? Are you seeking his will in all you do and does all that you do honor the Father? Are you prepared, as Paul seemed to be, to let the Lord use disasters in your life as an avenue of ministry?

Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- REMEMBER to help your group stay with the guidelines. Is there a “fixer” in the group who wants to fix peoples’ problems? As the group leader make sure they stay on track with the story and the questions.

Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- This is a long story, but not that difficult to remember since it deals with a lot of action and is told in a first-person format. Encourage your people to meditate on the story and see the Lord’s presence in all that is done. Note how disasters lead to salvations!

Resources:

- Look up information on Malta on the internet. What interesting facts do you find?