



Discussion Questions for *Acts 27 - God's Faithfulness on the Open Sea*
Week of May 23rd - 29th, 2010

Warm Up If you haven't done so; begin by sharing your spiritual story with the rest of your group.

- The big idea from **Acts 27** is that **God is faithful to allow us to witness for Him when we *trust* Him through the storms.** Have you found this to be true in your own life? Why or why not?
- Read **Acts 20:24** aloud. From this verse, what kind of underlying conviction seems to characterize Paul's life? How are you personally challenged or inspired by this? Be specific as you think about your own life circumstances and desire to be used by God.
- On Sunday, Jodie shared about having to overcome many obstacles in her desire to be used by God in her Stand Up Paddle adventure for breast cancer research. Jodie experienced family pressures, financial challenges, the death of a close friend, and practical details falling through at the last minute. What about Jodie's story inspired or motivated you?
 - Are you surprised when hardships and suffering arise in life? Read **1 Peter 4:12-13** and discuss your thoughts.
- Even in trial, we can be confident of our mission: *to testify about Jesus!* In **Acts 27:23-24**, the angel came and confirmed to Paul what Jesus had previously told him...that he "**must be brought before Caesar...**".
 - Is there one person or maybe even a whole group of people that you feel you *must* share the love of Jesus with?
 - How do you think a "burden for the lost" is developed? What has been your experience with this?
- Undoubtedly, Paul's personal and public belief in God spoke volumes to those in the midst of the storm (See **Acts 27:25**) Do you think your belief in God is strengthening the hearts of others? What might this look like practically?

Wrap Up: As you close, release the various "storms" you may be going through over to the Lord. Allow some time and space for God to speak as you listen for *whom* He may be trying to reach through you during this season.