



Discussion Questions for *Acts 28 - Following Jesus Under Adversity*
Week of May 30th - June 5th, 2010

Warm Up: Quickly share 5 specific things you are grateful to God for today.

- **Acts 28:30,31** reveals that Paul carried out the ministry of telling others about Jesus even while under house arrest in Rome. On Sunday George encouraged us that we can accept the difficulties of our lives *knowing* that God is directing us to those who need to hear the good news! Have you ever wondered, “Where’s God?” in trying seasons? How does the story of **Acts 28** and Paul’s example encourage or challenge you when you consider those times in life?
- “The moment adversity comes, our vulnerability increases, and we wonder where God is. Pain, disappointment, and trial drive us to the Lord and to the cross, where we discover our personal need for a Savior, not just for our soul’s salvation but for the entire span of our life. We are struck with a defining thought: ‘I need God’” - (Charles Stanley in the Life Principles Bible). Do you agree? What strikes you most in this? Why?
- Read **2 Timothy 3:10-17**. Summarize Paul’s instruction to Timothy in this section.
 - What does Paul seem to be preparing Timothy for?
 - Why is his instruction so important?
- Read **James 5:7-11**. James is urging believers to maintain an attitude of patience while suffering injustices. Even though efforts should be made to improve conditions and achieve justice, believers must keep a spirit of patient endurance. Where do you need patient endurance right now? Pray to the Lord who “**is very compassionate and merciful**” (v.11) as you close your time together.

Wrap Up: George closed on Sunday with an assignment for ‘the shoreline’ Church: To picture Paul, the Roman prisoner under house arrest, chained to a guard, writing the Scriptures of Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Read through these three books before coming to Home Group next and write down what you learn about what our attitudes should be like under times of adversity. Come back prepared to share your learning with one another!