

## Acts 27-28 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Acts 27:33-38 what did Paul tell them and why (v33-34)? How did he approach this (v35) and what was the result (v36-38)? What does this teach us?

5. In 27:39-44 what was their next step (v39-40) and what resulted (v41)? What was the soldiers' plan (v42), but how did the centurion intervene (v43-44)? Why (v43)?

6. According to 28:1-6 where were they (v1) and how were they treated (v2)? What happened to Paul (v3) and what was assumed (v4)? How did this change and why (v5-6)? Apply.

7. From 28:7-10 who welcomed the team (v7) and what did Paul do for him (v8)? Why do you think he did? To what did this lead (v9, 10)?

8. Using 28:11-16 trace the next stage of the journey (v11-13). Who did they encounter at Puteoli (v14) and at Rome (v15), and how did this affect Paul (v15)? How was he treated in Rome (v16)?

9. Based on 28:17-22 who did Paul address in Rome (v17) and why (v20)? What did he tell them (v17-19) and how did they respond (v21, 22)?

10. Read 28:23-31. Who gathered to hear Paul and what did he preach (v23)? What were the 2 results (v24, 25) and how did Paul analyze this (v25, 26-27, 28)? Describe the rest of Paul's ministry in Rome (v30-31).

11 Looking back over Acts where (1:8; 8:1; 8:27; 8:40; 10:23, 45; 13:4; 28:16) and how (2:41-42; 4:31; 5:42; 6:7; 12:24; 28:31) did the gospel spread? What was the key to its success? How can we apply that today?

### Scripture to Remember

“Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.”

**Acts 27:25 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—*Jesus for Today (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share your favorite Christmas movie. Thinking about the movie, “*It's a Wonderful Life*” what would the world be like if *Jesus* had never been born?
2. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What “gift” has been given to God's people and what will he do for us (v6)? What kind of a leader will Jesus be like?
3. Discuss some of the “wonders” that Jesus has performed as One who is wonderful. Does this ever inspire awe in you? Explain.
4. Think about Jesus as the Counselor. What is it about our hearts and minds that requires this? Share how the deceitfulness of the heart and deficiency of the mind has become real to you and how Jesus has helped you deal with this.
5. As the Mighty God how has Jesus helped you deal with the demands of life?
6. Talk about how Jesus as “Everlasting Father” encourages you in relation to your past, your present, and your future.
7. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the “Prince of Peace”? What disturbances of life do you need to give to Him right now? Pray with each other about those things.



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## And Nobody Will Get Hurt Acts 27-28



**The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

When a bank heist is taking place in the movies the robber will often say, “Just do what I tell you and nobody will get hurt.” Paul could have easily have said this as he journeyed to Rome on ship filled with other prisoners. Having appealed to Caesar for justice he had boarded a ship to appear before him. On the trip, though, God would have to perform a providential deliverance to get them there. Paul was treated well by Julius, the Roman centurion, but as they sailed along Paul had some advice for them. He “perceived” (by God’s direction) that the voyage would be attended with damage, loss of cargo, and even loss of their lives. However, the pilot and captain of the ship were more persuasive than Paul so they continued on. Feeling a moderate south wind they felt for sure that they were right. Shortly, though, a violent wind arose,

causing them to lose control of the ship. They undergirded it with cables so it wouldn’t fall apart and let down the sea anchors so they wouldn’t run aground. Being tossed about, they jettisoned the cargo on the next day and then the ship’s tackle the day after that. Finally, as all hope of being saved was abandoned Paul told them that they should have listened to him. But he also said that God had stood before him and assured him that no one would lose their lives. Later, when some tried to jump ship he told them that if they would stay aboard nobody would get hurt. They did this and eventually landed safely at Malta, just as God had said. There God gave a public demonstration of his power through Paul. First, when a venomous snake bit Paul, he remained

alive and then later he was used of God to heal many on the island, causing everyone to realize the great power of God. Finally when Paul arrived at Rome he presented a patient defense of Christianity to the Jews. They had not heard of the trouble associated with him, but wanted to hear about this. Eventually, though, they rejected Jesus as other Jews had done and he turned to the Gentiles. Acts closes with Paul in Rome for two years preaching the kingdom of God and teaching of Jesus with all openness, unhindered. The message is that if we just listen to the gospel nobody will get hurt.

## Study Questions for Acts 27-28

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Looking at Acts 27:1-8 what was Paul’s destination and who was he with (v1-2)? How was he treated (v3)? What were their stops (v2, 4-8) and what were conditions like (v4, 7-8)?</p>	
<p>2. From 27:9-20 what did Paul tell them first (v9-10), how did they respond, and why (v11-13)? What occurred next (v14-16) and what did they do (v17, 18, 19)? What was the outcome (v20)?</p>	
<p>3. Read 27:21-32. What did Paul tell them (v21, 22, 24-25) and why (v23)? What did they fear next (v27-28) and what did they do (v29-30)? What did Paul advise (v31) and how did they react (v32)?</p>	

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