

FACING STORMS

Acts 27:20-38

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. UNDERSTAND THE PARADOX OF STORMS
2. SEE THE PURPOSE IN STORMS
3. KNOW THE PERSON WHO HAS FACED THE ULTIMATE STORM

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week's message was all about facing the storms of life. What "storms" have you faced this year?
3. This weekend we talked about the paradox that God is in control AND that what we do matters. Do you tend to focus on one of these ideas more than the other? How can knowing that BOTH of these statements are true help us when we face difficulty in life?
4. Paul remained calm in the middle of a severe storm. He was able to trust God with the outcome and still help those around him in practical ways. What might it look like for you to respond to the troubles of 2020 like Paul responded to the storm he was in?
5. One of the most common questions that many of us have about suffering is, "Why is this suffering happening to me? Doesn't God care?" How do you respond to this question when other's ask it? How do you process it when you are wondering about it?
6. **PRAYER:** God is good and He can redeem even the most hopeless situations. However, this knowledge doesn't always bring immediate relief. Spend time praying for each other and the difficulties that you are currently facing. Pray for faith, pray for wisdom, pray for relief and pray that we would know Jesus more.
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Since this is the final week of the small-group semester, consider taking some time to reflect on the semester as a group. What did you like? What did you not like? What did you learn? How could we make the group even better next semester?