

Perceive the Will of God

Series: The End of the Beginning (message 8) **Date:** July 25/26, 2020

Intro

Acts 27:1-28:15

It is God's plans not ours.

- Proverbs 16:9
- God doesn't fail us in adversity.
- James 1:2-4

God's sovereign protection is always upon us.

God will raise the faithful to a place of influence.

- Do you need some encouragement right now?
- Who do you know that might need some encouragement right now?
- 2 Corinthians 4:17

sermon discussion

OPENING DISCUSSION

As you start your group time today, take a few moments to share two or three things you are grateful for from this past week. Challenge your group members to take time every day to write down 3-5 things they are thankful for and then thank God, the giver of all good things.

RECAP THE SERMON

Read Acts 27:1-28:15. Spend some time discussing the passage. What stood out from this passage or what did you notice? What questions did you have about what you read? Next, discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out to you?

1. How would you describe your general outlook on life lately: hopeless, hopeful, or somewhere in between and why?
2. **Read Proverbs 16:9.** Sometimes our plans don't align with God's plans. When have you seen that to be true in your life? Have you ever resisted God's plan in favor of your own?
3. What can we do to try to align our plans with God's?
4. People are like an electric current: we take the path of least resistance. Why does God often allow us to take the paths that seem more difficult instead of guiding us down the easiest paths?
5. What does it mean when we say, "God will protect me"? Does God promise no harm will come to His people?
6. Well-known people from social media are called influencers. Many celebrities, stars, and influencers use their "platform" to promote or denounce the things that are important to them. Is it right or wrong to use your platform for influence and why?
7. Over this past week, who is someone that has influenced your life or perspective? Who is someone that you could influence in a positive way this coming week? What would it look like for you to do that?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. **Romans 5:3-4 NIV***