

The Island of the Barbarians

Acts 28:1–10

1. The Island

Acts 27:40—28:2

2. The Snake

Acts 28:3–6

3. The Governor

Acts 28:7–10

Application:

Life Group Questions

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Opener: Share about a time a stranger showed you unexpected kindness. What impact did it have on you?

This week: Begin by trying to tell the story in Acts 28:1–10 from memory. After telling the story, read the text as a group and look for details that were either added or left out.

1. When Paul arrives at the island, he could have sat and let others tend the fire. What does this say about the type of person Paul was?
2. As Paul gathered wood, what happened to him and how did the islanders react?
 - a. Have you ever witnessed something bad happen to someone and wondered if they deserved it?
 - b. Read John 9:1–5 and Luke 13:1–5. What did Jesus say about this type of situation and how should we respond in similar situations?
3. In light of the fact that God wanted Paul to get to Rome, why do you think he allowed all the events of 27:1–28:9 to happen? What stories would the centurion tell his fellow officers once they arrive?
4. Read Philippians 1:12–14. How did this set the stage for Paul to write about how his imprisonment in Rome served to advance the gospel? What does this tell us about the hardships in our lives and how God can use them?
5. Paul never put his faith on hold or took a break from the gospel when life got tough. Share an example from your life when you maintained or even grew your faith through a difficult time.
6. Read Romans 8:28. Do you find this verse encouraging or discouraging? Explain.
7. Do you think when Paul looked back over his life he was thankful he was shipwrecked and washed up on Malta? Why or why not? What about your life? Are you thankful for the difficulties you have gone through in your life? Why or why not?

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28 ESV

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

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