



Discipleship Guide Acts 27

This guide was created to help you engage with the book of Acts and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Acts 27 Questions:

Acts 27:20 says: “When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.”

- Describe an experience where you came to the end of yourself and felt hopeless.
- Where does the world feel at the end of itself? E.g. COVID, Afghanistan, politics, etc.

Greg Jones says: “Optimism is rooted in who we are as people; hope is rooted in who God is.” The central idea here is that we always can have hope because God has defeated death!

- What does it say about the goodness, bigness, and greatness of our God if one political party can thwart the will of God?
- Do you really think so much of yourself that you think your mistakes or sin can throw God off course?

We should seek to have the faith and courage of Paul and avoid being like Jonah. How can you:

- Run towards the new people God wants you to love
- Expect hardship and being misunderstood
- Count on God’s generous inclusion

For our kids (and adults too!): Donald Kaberuka says, “It’s not my job to debate whether the glass is half-empty or half-full. My job is to figure out how to fill the glass.” How can you fill the glass of others this week with God’s love?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?