



FALL 2025 // WEEK 5

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // November 2, 2025

Pastor Pat Finley // Acts 27:39-28:10

Safe in the Storm



Introduction

As we journey through the book of Acts together, we're discovering what it truly means to live as disciples of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. The early church reminds us that following Christ requires courage, unity, and faithfulness in a world that often opposes the gospel. Today we look at how believers are to bring glory to God even when things don't go according to plan.

We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don't need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.

Getting Started

Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read the passage aloud for the group.

Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

1. What was your favorite part of the message today? How did it speak to you?
2. Paul wrote, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." (2 Cor. 4:17) What is the weight of glory that we look forward to?
3. Paul wrote his epistles in hindsight. Do you think Paul was fearful during the two week storm? Defend your answer.
4. We are encouraged by God's word to know that *we are going to make it*. Share a verse or verses that encourage you to press through difficult times?

5. At first the natives of Malta thought Paul was a cursed murderer, then a god. What does this tell us about their understanding of justice and divine power? Where do people draw on their spiritual understanding?
6. If you were asked by an unbeliever the source of suffering what would you say?
7. The relationship Paul and his party established with Publius and the people of Malta (v.7-10) showed that the Christian faith is not just about proclamation but also practical blessing. What were some of the blessings they each received?

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Scripture Focus: How could you put your faith into action in a more practical way while still sharing the gospel this week?

Prayer Suggestions *(Suggested time: 10-15 min)*

A meaningful part of “coming together” is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you’re welcome to pray silently and simply say “Amen” when you’re finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God’s presence.

1. Pray for each other, those in need, and perhaps affected by the government shutdown
2. Pray for our upcoming holiday services.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4, NKJV)*