



FALL 2025 // WEEK 2

GrowGroup Questions

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Courage in Life's Storms



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 are the major themes of today's message?
2. In verses 9-11 Paul warns of their trip ending in *disaster* yet the centurion chose to ignore him. What does this tell us about human nature taking professional advice versus divine guidance? Have you ever been convicted to stand up against the majority opinion (at work, school, etc.) and how did it go?
3. Paul refers to himself as *belonging to God* (v. 23). How might the believer's confidence in God's ownership impact the lives of those around us?
4. Read Matthew 7:24-27. Are you surprised God allowed both houses to be built? Why or why not? What are some examples of things people trust in that may actually be *houses built on sand*? Can you think of a time where you placed your trust in something other than God?

5. Later Paul's influence transformed from prisoner to encourager and authority figure (v. 26-27). What changed for the sailors?
6. Sometimes God's promises require faithful human action yet in verse 31 some sailors attempted to flee. Do you tend to move too quickly or too slowly and how has God dealt with you?
7. Has anyone in your group been on a mission trip? Share an unexpected experience and how the group responded, and how God saw you through.

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Scripture Focus: Are there verses you thought of during the message or study. Consider sharing them with the group.

Prayer *(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 our missionaries (we support over 80). If you have a missionary you have adopted in prayer this year, include them.
2. Pray for members of your group, and your upcoming service and fellowship events!

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10, NKJV)