



Sermon Discussion Guide

Acts: Unwanted Events

Acts 27:7-22

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

1. Sea Voyage stories and zombie stories alike have been popular in various eras because they produce protagonists who grow to become more heroic. Do you have a favorite story in which an unwanted event produced greatness in the protagonist?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

RETHINKING THE CONTROL WE THINK WE HAVE (7-8)

3. In vv7-8, we see factors outside of the sailors' control slow their voyage and derail their plan. Instead of embracing as their new reality, they tried to control with devastating consequences. Can you identify a time in your life where you needed receive the unwanted intrusion as your "new reality"? Describe it.

RETHINKING THE PRIDE THAT IS HIDDEN IN OUR HEARTS (10-11)

4. Why did the Centurion and the Captain of the ship reject Paul's advice? (see v10ff) Do you find it difficult to receive instruction from people who are "lower ranking"? Name a time in which you listened to wisdom and it blessed you more than you expected.

RETHINKING THE SOURCE OF OUR CONFIDENCE (13, 20, 22)

5. Do you like Irish rock bands? Describe why The Script is wonderful?
6. Do you think Ronnie uses too many pop culture references?
7. Ronnie suggested that when the crew "lost hope" is precisely when God had them where he wanted them. Why did he say that?
8. The crew thought it was the boat that was keeping them afloat, but Ronnie says it was something else. What did he mean?
9. Rethinking your unwanted intrusions with God's perspective means "letting go of the boat." What are things in your life that you need to let go?

Step 3: Final Reflections

10. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
11. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?