

Week 24 – Questions to Consider

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is your favorite summer activity or childhood memory?

Acts 27 ~ Acts 28 ~ Romans 1 ~ Romans 2 ~ Romans 3

1. If you were headed off to jail unjustly, what would be going through your mind? How would you be doing emotionally? Physically? Relationally? Spiritually? If you had been imprisoned unjustly for over 4 years like Paul (Acts 24:27 & 28:30-31), with no clear end in sight how would you endure? How would you find purpose in your imprisonment? How might you be tempted?
 2. If you work in a secular, Christian-hostile, environment, how might you find practical ways to show God's kindness and love? How have non-believers shown you kindness when you didn't deserve it? The Roman centurion Julius "treated Paul kindly" (Acts 27:3) and "gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for." How do you think God was working through Julius? Why should we intentionally invest in relationships with the lost? What are some boundaries and precautions we should take in our relationships with the lost?
 3. Later Julius has to make a decision about their sailing trip and Paul offers his advice to discontinue the journey due to the season and weather risks. Julius "paid more attention to the pilot and the owner of the ship than to what Paul said" (Acts 27:11) and subsequently their ship becomes lost at sea for two weeks and in great danger. While Paul then says "you should have listened to me" he also proclaims an angelic vision and asserts a confident "faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told." (Acts 27:21-25). How does this example encourage you to look for opportunities to reprove, rebuke, and exhort the lost (2 Timothy 4:2)?
 4. See how Paul remained faithful to God throughout the storm, when eating even "giving thanks to God in the presence of all" (Acts 27:35). How might our public meal times prayers be used by God to show faith to the lost and encourage faith to the saints? Do you have a meal time prayer story that has encouraged you?
 5. Read Acts 27:42-43. How does this encourage your faith to see the Lord's protection and provision in a moment where Paul and the prisoners likely felt that their death was imminent?
 6. Although Malta wasn't a desired, planned or expected stop, on Malta God performed miracles on and through Paul (Acts 28:1-9). When have you seen God work on or through your life in undesired, unplanned, or unexpected detours in life?
- More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

Happy Father's Day: *Always Prepared!*

1 Peter 3

5 Father's Day Facts

You Are Called: To Be Changed -> To Be H_____

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1 Peter 2:2–3 "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—[3] if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."

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1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

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1 Peter 2:18 “Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.”

3) To Your Wives & Families

1 Peter 3:7 “Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

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4) Live the Rest of Your Days for the Will of God

1 Peter 4:2 “so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.”

This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 25: Romans 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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