

Life on Mission
Text: Acts 28:1-10
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Big Idea: God never stops working, so we must never stop living on mission.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2

- a) How should knowing that Jesus saved you to send you impact every area & moment of your life?
- b) Spend time as a group reflecting on Paul's life through the book of Acts **and** on the life of Jesus during His time on earth. From this, discuss together what it means to live a life on mission for God's Kingdom. What things stand out to you? Why those ones?
- c) As you look at the example of Jesus and Paul, what areas of your life have come clear that you are living on mission for your kingdom and not God's? What is one next step of obedience you can take to address those this week and in the week's ahead?
- d) Spend time as a group in prayer repenting of those areas where you are living on mission for your kingdom; and ask the Lord to strengthen you in His grace for love, fervency and obedience to Him.

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Point 1: God has Given a PLATFORM (vv. 1-6)

Question: God uses every part of our lives to build His Kingdom. Are you being faithful where you are?

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 1-6:** Did Paul and the other 275 sailors plan to land on Malta when they left Caesarea?
- b) On the surface, did being shipwrecked on Malta look more like an inconvenience or opportunity?
- c) Discuss as a group how God sovereignly has used their “derailed plans” as a platform for the gospel.
- d) When you make plans/have an agenda, and God, in His loving sovereignty towards you derails those, how do you usually respond? Why?
- e) What does your response say about your trust in the love, goodness and sovereignty of God towards you?
- f) What is one practical next step you can take this week in Christ’s power, to be faithful right where you are in living out a greater trust in the Lord when God’s plan lovingly frustrate/override your plans? Spend time praying for that.

Question #4

- a) **Now think specifically:** How does God allow and sovereignly use Paul’s pain from the snake bite to grow the platform for the gospel that He has given him?
- b) Share in your groups how God has used times of pain and suffering in your life as a platform for the gospel both in those times and after those times.
- c) Why is it essential for us to view the times of suffering God allows in our lives, as Him entrusting us with a platform for gospel mission to those around us? What happens if we don’t see them as this?
- d) **Rd Hebrews 6:19-20:** Discuss does the gospel anchor our soul in suffering if we trust in it (**Think:** Treasure, truth and fruit)? How did Paul display fruit of this in his response to suffering?

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Point 2: God has a Greater PURPOSE (vv. 7-10)

Question: God is fulfilling His promises. Will you trust Him and live for His purpose?

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 7-9:** How does God sovereignly use the “inconvenience” of Malta to display His glory as Paul was simply faithful to be used where God had led him?
- b) What gospel opportunity may have been missed if Paul had been so focused on himself, his weariness from the shipwreck, and his change of plans?
- c) Think of your situation right now, even though you may be feeling overwhelmed, weary, in suffering or angry that you don’t think you are where you want to be, who has God put around you to use that situation as a platform for the gospel?
- d) What are you going to do about it this week in the power of Christ?

Question #6

- a) **Rd Philippians 4:10-13:** What does Paul’s response to the financial support from the church in Philippi, teach us about what is absolutely essential to living lives on mission at all times and in all things?
- b) How does the gospel ensure our contentment no matter our circumstances; and position us for missional faithfulness at all times if we trust in it and live in its power?

Question #7

Since this is our last set of small group questions for the book of Acts...

- a) How has this series impacted how you view God?
- b) How has this series impacted how you view yourself?
- c) What stood out to you the most in this book? Why that?
- d) What area(s) do you need to grow the most in living your life on Mission in the Lord as His witness?
- e) What are some ways that you can ask your small group to support you in doing this?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 28:1-10**...

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are the sending God who_____.
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I repent of my pride in not living on mission when (Get specific)_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you that You came and lived on mission, so I could_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, strengthen me to live on mission as Your witness in (Get specific)_____.

Memory Verse:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”-Acts 1:8