



Group Discussion & Application

1. If you have ever lived thru a terrifying situation, describe how you felt and responded.
2. Verse 20 says, “*all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.*” What does this mean? Describe what this is like. Describe a person who has lost all hope.
3. How did the attitude of those on the ship change toward Paul?
What accounts for this change?
What is the practical application for us?
4. How should our faith and hope in the midst of trials affect others? Explain.
5. When we go thru a desperate situation with others, how can we point them to the person and character of God, and bear witness for Christ?
6. In a time of severe personal crisis, how have other Christians ministered to you?
7. What are some specific, practical ways we can encourage those who are undergoing difficult trials and affliction?
8. What verse of Scripture give you hope in the midst of difficulty?
9. What guidelines and cautions should we follow in applying narrative passages of Scripture?



Personal Reflection & Response

1. What difficult trials are you enduring at the present time?
How can you use this as a witness to others?
2. Whom do you know who is undergoing a difficult situation?
How can you minister to him/her?



Family Homework

1. What other Bible stories of storms at sea do you remember? Retell them.
How are they alike? How do they differ? What does each teach us?
2. Look up some Bible verses on the power and mercy of God. Memorize one.



Abandon Ship!—Not Hope

Acts 27:1-44

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