

Emmanuel Prayer List - February

Small Groups - Shawn Hippert

- It is the hope of our leadership that each person will join a small group to grow spiritually, form lasting friendships, and go on to serve in the church and community
- As a small group grows in number, leaders are encouraged to split the group into 2, with one of the members leading a new group,
- As new small groups are formed, it is important that others who are willing to lead come forward.

Study Continued

6. Read Acts 27:33-44. From verses 33-38, what was the effect of Paul's faith in God, as he prayed and gave thanks for the food, on the sailors who were with him?

Can you think of some examples of how people around us are looking to see us live out our faith in the midst of the storms of life? (eg. how we handle difficult relationships, forgiving people who harm us, tough financial situations, family discord etc.)

If you are struggling in some of these area's to trust in God, pray and give thanks - just like Paul did - and draw your strength from Him.

Note: The ship still went aground. It wasn't easy, It was scary, they had to swim for their lives, soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners, but God brought them through, and He will bring you through.



C.S. Lewis

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

WHAT'S ON?

Note: No Bible Study on Sunday nights through the end of March.

Wednesday

Bible study - 1.30pm Continuing our study in the Gospel of Mark.

Children (Awana) - 6.30pm This week: Crazy sock night

Jr High (Fusion) **and Senior High** (Surge) - 6.30pm

Mar 11th Curling, 9am - Noon - Kids ages 5-13 - followed by pizza lunch - All Free

Photoshoot for Church directory - Sundays: March 12, 19, 26

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disciples making DISCIPLES



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

1. Go in the power of the Spirit - Acts 1-2
2. Give what you have - Acts 3
3. Share what you know - Acts 4
4. My circumstances are God's appointments - Acts 8
5. Evidence of the Grace of God - Acts 11:19-30
6. Overcoming conflict - Acts 13-15
7. Turning the world upside down - Acts 17:1-9
- 8. Your circumstances are God's megaphone - Acts 27**

Your Circumstances are God's Megaphone - Acts 27

Storms:

1 Pet 4:12, John 16:33

THE STORMS OF LIFE WAKE ME UP

Background:

v.20 ...the storm continued raging, we finally _____ of being saved

Things we need to learn in the middle of the storm:

1. v.22 _____

2. v.23 _____

3. v.24 _____

Paul was in God's perfect _____ but ended up in a perfect _____

THE STORMS OF LIFE REVEAL MY NATURE

v.25 So keep your courage men, for I _____

Storms have a way of showing us our inner _____

But God wants to change our nature to the nature of _____

Romans 8:28-29

Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you _____
to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

THE STORMS OF LIFE GIVE ME OPPORTUNITY

v.33-37 How did Paul take this opportunity to minister to the crew:

The crew's response:

Read Acts 27:1-12

1. When you think back, what has been the biggest storm in your life that you have had to go through?

How has God used it to:

a. Wake you up, and show you what you had been trusting in, and that you needed to come closer to Christ?

b. Reveal your inner nature - and subsequently to change you into more the nature of Christ?

c. Give you opportunity to help others, and to show the love and power of God?

2. Read Acts 27:13-20. Pastor Peter gave three things (opposite) that we need learn in the middle of the storm. Go through each one, and answer the following for each point:

1. What can stop you from believing this?

2. How can I be more aware of God in the storm?

3. Read Acts 27:21-32. From verse 25, what do we see of Paul's response to the storm?

From verse 30, what was the response of some of the sailors?

4. Pastor Peter said that storms often have a way of revealing our inner nature. For example, the sailors inner fear was brought out by the storm. Rather than the storm simply causing them to be fearful. (By contrast, the storm brought out Paul's inner trust in God - even though the storm was undoubtedly scary). For a person who get's angry over certain issues, it is the issue that reveals that person's inner anger. With this in mind, how have you seen the storms of life reveal your inner nature?

5. Read Romans 8:28-29. What do these two verses say about how God uses storms, and from verse 29, what is the ultimate goal of God for us? (Also read Philippians 1:6)

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