



Topeka Bible Church
The Life of Paul, Episode 50:
"Be a Good Leader"
Community Group Study Questions
Acts 27 and selected passages

1. Do you consider yourself to be a "leader?" If leadership is a spiritual gift (*Romans 12:8*), can people be made into leaders or must they be born leaders? What qualifies someone as a leader in your opinion? What are the dangers of poor leadership?

2. What leadership traits are displayed by Paul in *Act 27:10*? Who or what was Paul's focus when he expressed his concern? Who did the centurion listen to? Why is listening to correct advice essential for good leadership (*1 Kings 12:13-14; Proverbs 20:18*)? What "fast" is Luke referring to in *Acts 27:9* (*Leviticus 16:29-31*)?

3. What would you have felt if you were in the midst of this tumultuous storm (*Acts 27:14-15, 18-20; cf. Mark 4:37-38*)? Was Paul wrong in telling Julius and the crew that they should have listened to him or was he being a good leader (*Acts 27:21*)?

4. How does Paul model godly leadership when he admonishes those on the ship to take heart (*Acts 27:23-25*)? Does he prepare them well by communicating the entire truth, the good, the bad, and the ugly (*Acts 27:26*) without backing down?

5. In the face of trials and adversity, how does Paul continually serve as a strong leader (*Acts 27:30-32*)? Have you ever had to take a similar stand in your leadership? What happened? How was Paul's relationship with God connected to his understanding of what God would do? What about you – do you know God's heart like Paul did?

6. What characteristics of leadership does Paul model in *Acts 27:33-36* (see also the compassionate language he uses in writing *1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11*)? How does Paul turn this situation into an evangelistic opportunity (*Acts 27:35*)? Do you believe that evangelism is an important part of leadership (*2 Timothy 4:5*)?

7. How did God sovereignly protect Paul's life (*Acts 27:42-43*)? Did God fulfill His promise made in *Acts 27:24*? How did Paul know that the journey would be dangerous and yet everyone on the ship would live? Given the numerous traits of leadership that Paul embodies, what are two areas of growth in leadership for you?

Memory Verse:

“Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.”
(Acts 27:25, NASB)