

WEEK SIX

FINISHING THE RACE

There are times in life when we can see a storm coming and know things are about to get rocky, but we can always find Jesus in the storm. Just as Jesus protected Paul during the voyage to Rome in Acts 27, we can be confident that He has already charted a safe course for us as well. As we boldly approach our storms with confidence, we show others what it looks like to tackle life as a follower of Jesus, encouraging them with our actions and the Gospel.

Icebreaker

What's your favorite animal at the zoo?

Discussion Questions

1. Read John 16:33. Jesus promises hardships in this world, but He doesn't say we'll know when they're coming. What's an unexpected hardship in your life?

Application: What can you do to prepare yourself to face unexpected storms?

2. In Acts 27:10-11, Paul warned the centurion of the incoming storm and that their journey was doomed, but the man wouldn't listen. How can we know when advice is legitimate and warnings should be followed?

Application: Who is someone in your life whose advice you always trust? What is it about that person that makes them trustworthy?

3. In Acts 27:22-25, Paul informs the men that the ship is doomed, but none of them will be harmed. He saw Jesus in the storm and shared the message. What are some ways to come back to and find Jesus in the storms of our lives?

Application: When have you been through a life storm in which you leaned into Jesus and found comfort?

4. How can you as a Christian boldly lead those you know are sinking in crisis?

Application: Who is one person in your life right now who needs the message of Jesus in the midst of a storm? How can you bring that message to them?

5. Read Acts 28:25-30. Paul stayed in Rome for two years and preached boldly and without hindrance despite resistance from his own people. How does one find this kind of confidence in Christ?

Application: Do you have the boldness to bring the Gospel to those around you? What would give you the confidence to do so?

Close in prayer.