



# THE STORM AND THE SHIPWRECK

Take this week or next week together as a LifeGroup to go through the LifeGroup Health Survey instead of the LifeGroup Guide. You can scan the QR code below using the camera on your smartphone or follow [this link](#). Leaders, please refer to your Groups Team Update email for more directions.



Our Celebration Sunday on November 20 is all about celebrating that we are a Family of Churches! We invite you to assist with our block party after the Gathering. There are a variety of ways to get involved. Details will be provided closer to the event. Please email Alice at [amcmahan@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:amcmahan@midtowncolumbia.com) with questions. Sign up [here](#) or by scanning the code on the left.

## CATCH UP ON LIFE:

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

For LifeGroup training resources check out [MidtownLifeGroups.com](http://MidtownLifeGroups.com)

Suggested time: 20-30 minutes

- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

## REVIEW THE MISSION:

*Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

Suggested time: 10-20 minutes

### 1. People:

- **Reactive** - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- **Proactive** - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

**2. Plan:** Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

**Pray:** Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

For tools and resources to grow in your walk with Jesus, go to [FollowingJesusTogether.com](http://FollowingJesusTogether.com)

# SERMON DISCUSSION:

*God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)*

Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes

## I. Scripture Discussion

**Primary Passages:** Acts 27, 2 Corinthians 11:25-30, and 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Read **Acts 27**, **2 Corinthians 11:25-30**, and **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** out loud. Spend some time silently reflecting and journaling the following questions as a LifeGroup. (These questions can be used with any passage of the Bible to study on your own.)

- What stands out from the passage?
- What does the passage reveal to us about God?
- What does the passage reveal to us about people?

Share with one another what you thought, reflected, and wrote about.

## II. Sermon Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon? Why is that?

In the sermon, we talked about how Paul is a peaceful and stabilizing presence for others because he's rooted in something more significant than the present situation. What areas in your life are you tempted to fall into worry and fear?

In the passage, Paul can be a stabilizing presence because he trusts the God he belongs to and worships (Acts 27:23). What specific verses about God can speak to your worries and fears? (LifeGroup, feel free to offer verses that come to mind too.)

In the sermon, we said the kingdom of God moves forward when we step into uncomfortable places and obey what Jesus calls us to. Where might God be calling you to step into uncomfortable places for the sake of Jesus and His mission moving forward? Practically, what does that look like for you?

## ENGAGE THE HEART:

*Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)*

Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes

What has Jesus been teaching you this week through abiding with Him (Bible reading and prayer)?

What sin(s) do you need to confess to God? What are you struggling to trust Jesus with this week? How can you give Him control of it?

Where have you seen victory over sin in the last week? Where have you been encouraged in your walk with Jesus in the last week?

**Pray:** *James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins to God in prayer and pray for each other. **Pray** for the Spirit to work in you as you take steps of repentance.*