



# SMALL GROUP NOTES

## GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- In what ways does this passage challenge the assumption that difficulty means we are outside of God's will? How does Paul's situation compare with Jonah's storm in Jonah 1 and Jesus' disciples in the storm in Mark 4:35–41?

- What does this passage teach about the limits of expertise, majority opinion, and favorable circumstances in discerning God's will? How does this align with wisdom principles in Proverbs 12:15 and 11:14?

- How does Paul's identity and purpose anchor him differently than the sailors and soldiers? Why does leadership shift to him in the crisis?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- When making major decisions, what voices tend to carry the most weight for you—comfort, consensus, credentials, or Scripture-shaped wisdom?

- Can you identify a time when you dismissed wise counsel and later faced avoidable consequences? What did that experience teach you?

- Is your identity rooted more in circumstances and roles, or in belonging to Christ? How would your response to crisis change if you deeply lived from that identity?

Read Ahead: Acts 27:27-44