

## **S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth.* Acts 27:1-44**

### **1. Caesarea to Crete: Sharing God's will, but not imposing God's will (Acts 27:1-12)**

- 2 Cor. 3:6- Discuss what it means to be a minister of the new covenant.
- How can we share the will of God but not imposed the will of God? Discuss the difference? How might we understand this within the context of speaking the truth in love?
- How is sharing God's will different than enforcing moral behaviorism? How does "free will" fit into this?

### **2. Fair Havens: Standing firm in God's providence and protection. (Acts 27:13-44)**

- How does Paul demonstrate confidence in God?
- How does Paul demonstrate courage amidst chaos?
- When we face storms or chaos and the world has lost all hope, how do we respond? How can we stand firm in the promises of God? Share modern examples.
- *Acts 27:27-38:*
  - How can we give thanks to God while in the storms of life? Why is this not intuitive for us?
  - How did Paul model trust in God?
  - How did Paul exhort others to trust in God?
  - How can this be viewed as practicing what we preach?
- Discuss the statement: God's providence is always greater than the plans of man.
- *Acts 27:39-44:*
  - What was the plan of the soldiers? Why were they going to do this?
  - In modern times, how do we see people chose "self-preservation" over what is humane and/or descent?
  - Why did the centurion step in and save Paul?
  - How can we partner with God and His providence so His Kingdom comes and His will is done?

What are some ways we can begin to fully trust in God's providence and power?