

12 WHEN STORMS COME

KEY TEXT: ACTS 27:21-31,33-35

CENTRAL truth

This week, we will read about Paul's tumultuous voyage from Jerusalem to Rome, a journey that didn't go quite as planned. His experience is a reminder that just as none of us are exempt from the storms of life, **we can also have confidence in God's faithfulness in the good and the bad. His sovereign rule and promises offer to anchor us in times of trouble.**

key question

Why is it important for us to understand that God's will and human activity aren't at odds?

Being confident in God's promises doesn't mean we just sit back and refuse to lift a finger. Even though the plan is God's, we still have a role to play. His will and our human activity work together. Throughout the book of Acts—and the entire story of Scripture—God worked in and through humans to accomplish His purposes, and He continues to do so today.

keep in mind

- When the storm clouds of life hover over us, it can be easy to lose sight of the Lord. Allow your group to be an environment where students can be honest about the difficulties that they are facing as you listen attentively and remind them of God's care for them. When necessary, be sure to involve parents, guardians, or ministry leaders in the conversation.
- Amid the chaos Paul experienced aboard the ship, he thanked the Lord and served those around him. Within your group, take time to discuss what it means to cultivate a heart of gratitude. What are some practices that students can implement?

application

How has the Lord provided for us individually and as a group recently?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: Students should know that they can find encouragement during difficult times because God is good and in control of all things.

FOR THE LEADER: Remind students that they do not walk through the trials of life alone. God has given them His Spirit and also Christian community to pray for, encourage, and support them.