

For the week of June 4, 2017  
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# Storms, Shipwrecks, and Snakes

34<sup>th</sup> week in the series *Sent: Living the Mission of the Church*

Acts 27:1–28:14

Paul's journey across the Mediterranean Sea to Rome where he will stand trial before Nero is a difficult one. This passage pictures something about the kind of life all of us can expect as followers of Jesus—a life that sometimes has its own challenging storms, shipwrecks, and snakes.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Do you expect that being a follower of Jesus will always be easy? If so, why? If not, why not?
2. Has there been a time in your life as a Christian when the circumstances have been especially challenging or difficult? Explain.
3. Why do you think God sometimes allows his followers to experience storms, shipwrecks, and snakes? What purpose (if any) do such challenging experiences serve?
4. When you've gone through a difficult time personally, what has or hasn't helped you?
5. How can Christians help others who are going through a difficult time? Conversely, how can Christians inadvertently be unhelpful to those experiencing storms, shipwrecks, and snakes?