

STUDENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

EMPOWERED – Session 12

Empowered to Finish the Journey

Acts 27–28

SESSION FOCUS

The Book of Acts ends with storms, shipwreck, uncertainty, waiting, and ongoing mission.

That ending matters because Spirit-led living is not only about powerful beginnings or dramatic moments.

It is also about endurance, faithfulness, hope, and continuing the journey through difficult and unfinished seasons.

This session explores how the Holy Spirit sustains believers through hardship, setbacks, uncertainty, and the long journey of spiritual life.

Acts ends unfinished because the work of the Holy Spirit is still continuing today.

OPENING REFLECTION

Take a few quiet moments before beginning.

- Why is endurance often more difficult than beginnings?
- What kinds of seasons most test faith over time?
- How do disappointment or setbacks affect spiritual life?
- What helps people continue moving forward during difficult seasons?

Personal Notes:

SCRIPTURE READING

Read selected portions of Acts 27–28 slowly.

Suggested sections:

- Acts 27:13–26
- Acts 27:39–44
- Acts 28:30–31

As you read, notice:

- Paul's steadiness
 - the uncertainty of the storm
 - and how the mission continues even through hardship.
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KEY IDEA

The Holy Spirit remains faithful through storms, setbacks, uncertainty, and long seasons of life, continually sustaining believers and moving the mission of Jesus forward.

PART 1: GOD REMAINS PRESENT IN STORMS

(Acts 27:13–20)

The storm was real.

The fear was real.

Yet God remained present.

Reflection Questions

1. How do storms or uncertainty affect spiritual life?
2. Why do people often struggle to sense God's presence during hardship?
3. What helps believers remain spiritually grounded during difficult seasons?

Personal Notes:

PART 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES STEADINESS

(Acts 27:21–26)

Paul remains calm and grounded in the middle of uncertainty.

Spirit-led peace is confidence in God's presence rather than confidence in perfect circumstances.

Reflection Questions

4. What most often disrupts peace in people's lives?
5. What helps believers remain spiritually grounded?
6. How is Spirit-led peace different from denial or avoidance?

Personal Notes:

PART 3: GOD CONTINUES WORKING THROUGH SETBACKS

(Acts 27:39–44)

The ship is lost, but the mission continues.

Setbacks do not cancel God’s purposes.

Reflection Questions

7. How do disappointment and setbacks affect spiritual life?
8. Where have you seen growth emerge through difficulty?
9. Why is it difficult to trust God during unfinished seasons?

Personal Notes:

PART 4: THE STORY CONTINUES

(Acts 28:30–31)

Acts ends unfinished intentionally.

The mission continues because the Holy Spirit continues working through ordinary believers today.

Reflection Questions

10. Why do you think Acts ends the way it does?
11. How has this series shaped your understanding of the Holy Spirit?
12. What does Spirit-dependent living look like moving forward?

Personal Notes:

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Take a few quiet moments to reflect honestly.

- Where do you most need endurance, hope, or peace right now?
- How has God remained faithful through difficult seasons in your life?
- How do you sense the Holy Spirit continuing to guide and form you moving forward?

Personal Response:

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray for:

- endurance

- peace
 - hope
 - trust
 - and continued attentiveness to the Holy Spirit.
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OPTIONAL PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK

This week:

- Reflect on moments of God’s faithfulness throughout your life
- Spend time in gratitude and prayer
- Pray daily:

“Holy Spirit, help me remain faithful through every season.”

- Continue practicing attentiveness to God beyond the end of this study
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FINAL THOUGHT

The Book of Acts ends, but the work of the Holy Spirit continues.

The same Spirit who empowered the early Church continues guiding, sustaining, transforming, and sending believers today.

The story is still unfolding.
