

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**Trusting God when it's not smooth sailing – Acts 27**

1. Can you think of a time when you have been bewildered by what God seems to be doing in your life or the life of others? What made it hard to see the hand of God at work? How did you feel?

**Read Acts 27:1-20**

2. Read Acts 1:1-8 and Acts 23:11. What is God's plan for the world and specifically for the apostle Paul?
3. Paul was a seasoned traveller – why do you think those in charge on the ship chose not to listen to him?
4. How does Luke reveal to us that those in the ship were in genuinely grave danger?

**Read Acts 27:21-26**

5. Paul seems to have a different take on the situation in v21-26? What has led him to change his mind?
6. Can you think of a time when hearing or being reminded of God's promises has led you to change your thinking or behaviour even when your circumstances in life haven't changed?

**Read Acts 27:27-36**

7. Why do you think Paul was disregarded in v10-12 and then listened to in v30-32?
8. The storm is *still* raging yet Paul encourages people to eat. He thanks God for the food and begins to eat. What is the effect on his fellow travellers?
9. Think for a moment about your own life and behaviour. In what ways does your lifestyle demonstrate your trust in the promises of God?

**Read Acts 27:37 – 28:10**

10. In the midst of a snakebite, shipwreck, cyclonic storm, near drowning, what is the picture that Luke gives about God and his purposes?
11. How does Paul's experience encourage you in living with the tension of God's sure promises and the sometimes bewildering nature of life in the present?