



HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 10: Nov 14–20

Each week this series has reminded us of God's power at work in the early Church. From Pentecost to prisons, the Spirit has moved to accomplish what no humans could ever do in their own strength. Exhibit A for this has been the life of Paul. What faith! What commitment to God's purposes! As we look back on God's work in Paul's life, we can't help but think about God's work in our own.

MAIN TEXT: Various—see the passages noted below

CONNECT

1. If you had to describe 2020 in one word, what would it be?
2. What was most significant to you about the sermon this week?

LEARN

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and Philippians 4:4-7. What can we learn about prayer from these words of Paul?
4. Read Acts 27:13-25 and Philippians 1:12-14. What do you notice about Paul's faith in these two different, yet challenging, set of circumstances?
5. Read Acts 20:24 (which we looked at last week) and 2 Timothy 4:6-8. How would you describe Paul's resolve to finish what God had for him?

APPLY

6. How would you describe your prayer life? You can use the terms Tom mentioned of a vehicle (a dump truck or an RV), or think of another way to describe it. Regardless, do you think of your prayer life as a "shared life with Jesus"?
7. Tom noted how Paul's faith was contagious—that it rubbed off onto others. Sometimes, though, we need to "hold on to someone else's faith." What kind of situation are you presently in? Is your faith rubbing off onto others, or are you needing others' faith to rub off onto you?

8. Our circumstances can discourage or inspire us in our faith. As you think about the example of Paul's life, what can we do to encourage each other's faith during this challenging set of circumstances?

9. Pastor Tom used the expression, "Our eyes are on Jesus." What does this mean to you and how do you...or could you...practically live this way?