**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. November 19, 2017**

**Spiritual Travel Items For the Journey**

ACTS 27 & 28

**Key Truth**: Seemingly hopeless situations provide Christians the opportunity to influence others with the hope of the gospel.

**The Background and Biblical Application:**

ACTS 23:11 & Matthew 7:24-27

* Storms come to test the foundation on which our lives are built.

**Essentials for Travel:**

1. Discernment ACTS 26:10

2. Hope vs. 20-22

3. Faith in God vs. 23-26

4. Influence of character vs. 31-38,

5. Favor vs. 42-43

6. Protection vs. 28:1-6

7. Spiritual family of believers 28:14-16

8. A heart for the lost vs. 28:17-28

9. Provisions from God vs. 30

10. Boldness to proclaim the gospel vs. 31

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Pray for the opportunity to be sources of hope in people’s lives by sharing and demonstrating the gospel in this journey called life.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What are some of the storms—literal or figurative—that appeared to create a hopeless situation in your life? How did you respond to those situations?

Why do you think, when faced with difficulties, many people today consider their situations hopeless?

Read Romans 12:9-13: How do you think, from a non-Christian perspective, most people view difficulty in life? How are we to respond?

Read ACTS 27:23-26: What kinds of things must Paul have believed to be true about God in order to respond like this?

Psalm 46:1-11: Our confidence is not in our ability to withstand storms; it’s in the safe place of Christ that we hide in that gives us strength. How might this realization change your attitude in the midst of difficulty?

What is the greatest pressure situation you’re facing now? How can Paul’s example help you? How might people see Christ through your experience?