

Sailboat or Cruise Ship

The Embassy Church - Small Group Notes - Sunday, February 3, 2019

Most people like the thought of a *cruise ship*, especially in light of the winter weather we've been having lately. Every level has food and more food. There's a beautiful view and lots of sun! The service is great too! However, there's also something extraordinary about a *sailboat*. It's here where Christian lessons and growth are experienced. If you want your life to go somewhere special, this message will help you *chart a course*.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug Schneider

Scripture Passages – All Passages New King James Version Unless Otherwise Noted

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Genesis 1:2

² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Acts 24:27

²⁷ But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

Main Points – Directly from Acts 27

- 1) Where the Wind Blows
- 2) When You Sail with God, You Will Need to Lighten the Load
 - a. Throw Things Overboard
- 3) Be Willing to Let Go of Your Anchors
 - a. Allow God to Adjust Your Rudder

Discussion Questions

Revelation

- How can we determine if we are trained by our spirit, or trained by our mind?
- What does it mean to have the *wind of the Spirit* blow – or breathe – into our lives?
- How does God lead us and test us? (Acts 27)

Interpretation

- What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21 tell us about *where the wind blows* or the Spirit blows?
- What does it mean to find *contrary winds*?
- What does the journey of Paul in Acts 27 tell us about our journey with God?

Application

- Are you on a cruise ship, or a sailboat?
- How do you live – By the Spirit? Or by your mind?
- Are you in a cruise ship heading toward your destination? Or have you lifted your sails, allowing the breath of the Holy Spirit to lead you and carry you to your destination?
- Are there some things in your life you need to dump overboard?
- Are you willing to life your sails and allow God to fulfill His plan in your life, no matter where the wind blows?

Quotable Quotes

- Our personal plan is usually to finish. God's plan is to strengthen us.
- Our spirit man is to guide us in all our situations and actions. Our minds are to receive from the Spirit, which determines how we live.
- Our job is not to fulfill the plan of God in our life. Our job is to allow God to accomplish His plan in our life.
- When you throw things overboard, God can then step in and move supernaturally.
- When you allow the wind of the Spirit to fill your sails and guide your journey, God usually pays for it.