

# THE ISLAND OF MALTA

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## WELCOME - ICE BREAKER:

Have you ever been in a bad storm on a boat? What was it like? Or, What is the worst storm you have ever been in?

***Important Note:*** *Not all questions have to be asked and not everyone has to answer every question asked.*

## WORSHIP - OPENING PRAYER and PREPARATION

Read: Psalm 107:23-32

Spend some time in prayer thanking, praising, and adoring God.

WORD

Sink or Swim

Acts 27:1 – 28:10

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Read the passage – with many people reading large portions.

Briefly recount the story so people “get it.”

1. Have you just been, or are you currently in, or are you facing a shipwreck in your life? What is it? Why is it happening?
2. In what ways did God guide Paul and his shipmates through the storm?
3. How is God specifically guiding you through the storm and shipwreck?
4. In what ways did God show his power and faithfulness to all on the boat and the island?
5. How have you, are you, or do you anticipate God using this shipwreck in your life as a testimony to others about God’s power and faithfulness.

## WORSHIP - PRAYER

Take request and pray.

## WORKS

### Please discuss the following items:

**Home Sweet Home:** While you were away, cruising the majestic sights of the Mediterranean, some very dedicated individuals were preparing for your arrival back Home. What better way to extend your trip than joining us for a tasty Home-coming "**Group Link**" in the Cafe area before both services on Sunday, August 12th. Come enjoy a waffle with the topping(s) of your choice, and share your favorite Mediterranean memories with members of local Home Groups. A new adventure awaits you by joining a Home Group today!

**Welcome Home:** Aloha!!! A post-trip feast has been prepared in your honor to celebrate our return from this summer's Mediterranean Cruise. Your last Port of Call will be Hawaii for a **Luau** taking place at a Home Group location near you, during the week of August 19th. For details or to sign up, please visit the "**Home Sweet Home**" **Group Link** on Sunday, August 12th, or stop by the Home Group Kiosk in the Lobby for Home Group Details.

Hello Everyone!

Thanks for your dedication to your Home Group and the last Group Link which was a tremendous success. I just wanted to share with you an idea for another group link which can be set up for August 12th before the first and second services, and gauge your level of interest in participating in this event.

The theme of the group link will be "Home Sweet Home". Each Home Group has the opportunity to decorate a table in the cafe area with items from their home(s) and supply and serve waffle toppings to program attendees. (waffles supplied by the church, toppings can include anything from fruit (pie fillings), whipped cream, ice cream, peanut butter and chocolate, marshmallow fluff, etc...be creative!!!)

Also at the table, you will have the opportunity to sign people up for a Luau to take place within each of the group's home meeting place starting on Sunday August 19th. There is a great web site to help plan and divide up food, decorating and party activity responsibilities among members of the group:

<http://www.alohafriendsluau.com>

As we are in the process of building the Home Group concept at Center Pointe, this will be an outstanding opportunity to give your Home Group a tremendous amount of exposure within the church.

If your group is interested, please respond to Lori Steinborn with the following information:

1. Host Name
2. Address
3. Phone number
4. Date and Time of party
5. Please also verify the Day and Time your group meets if different from day of Luau.

Thanks for everything,

Pastor Spence