

Podcast Worksheet
The Desert, Sea, and Prison: 3 Victim Destinations

Scriptural Texts:

Psalm 107: 4-9, 10-16, 23-32, 43

Main Points:

1. Our needs are God-given; therefore, our goal is not to erase our needs, but rather to let God meet them his way.
2. Those in the desert are trying to meet their needs in their own way for satisfaction, nurturing, belonging, and a true provider, rather than turn to God.
3. Those on the stormy sea are deliberately setting a course and crafting a life in order to gain an identity. They are in control (so they think).
4. Those on the sea are looking for significance, peace, rest, and a true protector.
5. In the gloomy prison, people are looking for love, acceptance, freedom, and a true source of power.
6. Because victims are rebelling against God, they are destroying themselves through bad choices.
7. If we will turn to God with an attitude of humility and acknowledge our need of God, he will save us.

Questions:

1. Consider your God-given needs. Which ones are you aware of? How have you tried to get these needs met?

2. With which metaphor do you most strongly identify yourself? List the ways you see yourself heading in this direction.

3. How have you been prideful or doubted God or rebelled against him? Share your confession with God and ask for forgiveness.

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, please open my eyes to clearly see if I am in the desert, sea, or prison. I don't want to go my own way any longer. Forgive me for my pride, doubt, and rebellion. I know I haven't trusted you and instead, have grabbed control for myself. Today I choose to turn to you in humility and acknowledge my need of you. Please save me from any destructive choices and lifestyles. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____
