

# Facilitator Guide Week 7

## Caesarea Maritime

**Before you meet:** Test out the video from the Facilitator Webpage, by playing it and making sure all is working well (you may want to download it before meeting). Print out any of the resources you need for the night. For tonight you will need to print out “Discussion Questions Week 7” one per-person.

**Testimony Time** (more in-depth personal sharing) Have selected members share each week.

### **Plan Out Next Week And Our Next Series:**

Can you believe it, this is our last week of our Acts Odyssey! It’s time to plan for what’s next! As you know, Acts 28 is not the end of Acts. You and I are living out “Acts 29,” the ongoing chapter as we live out the book of Acts. That’s why we have to keep meeting together, because God wants to do more and more in and through us. We have the power of the Holy Spirit, the courage and power to walk in faith, to share Jesus with others and to keep meeting as an ‘Ohana Group. That’s why it’s time to plan two steps to keep meeting and growing together:

**First**, plan out next week’s meeting, the wrap up to our series together. We recommend having a time of fellowship, sharing and prayer. We recommend, if your group is comfortable, to have a potluck dinner together to celebrate. If you are not comfortable with a meal that’s ok, just have an extended time of fellowship and specific sharing how you’ve grown or been encouraged through the Acts Odyssey Journey (the last 7 weeks). Then have an extended time of prayer.

**Second**, it is so important that we all stay rooted in the Word of God and be ready for the many spiritual battles that come our way every

day. That is why we are starting a brand new 7-week series for the entire Church family and for every 'Ohana Group called *Everyday Battles*. This an equipping series looking at the Armor of God in Ephesians 6, to fortify us to walk through every spiritual battle that comes our way.

We are asking every 'Ohana group to continue meeting every week and do this series together as a church family.

Here's the big idea: Each week, each member of an 'Ohana Group will attend one of the services, either in person or online for the teaching and content for your group. Then you'll meet during the week as an 'Ohana Group to further study what was taught at the weekend service. For your 'Ohana Group, we will have discussion questions and a short video to watch together. The video will have further insights from the weekend teaching.

This will be a wonderful way for us to all continue to study God's Word together and be an 'Ohana. So for your group, attend the weekend services online or in-person then come to 'Ohana Group. For you facilitators, similar to this series we will have the videos and questions for you to play off the facilitator page.

**Important dates and timeline for you to plan for:**

*Everyday Battles* will start the weekend of September 26 & 27, just after our 40th anniversary celebration. Your first study in the series together will be the week of September 28-October 2.

This means there will be a 2-week gap for your group from Acts Odyssey to *Everyday Battles*. I would encourage you to decide what's best for your group.

Here are a few options:

- Meet those two weeks and discuss the weekend sermons and have a time of prayer and fellowship.

- Do a 2-week series from Right Now Media (if you need the link it's on our website or the 'Ohana Department can help you.
- Plan a way to serve the community those two weeks. Get creative and ask around if any neighbors or co-workers have any needs you as a group could meet.
- Meet in the community and have a prayer walk praying for our schools, nation, county, homeless or whatever needs you see out there.
- Take a two week break, but be sure to get clear commitments to start back up the last week of September.

### **Celebrate with a Beach Baptism:**

Remind your group of our upcoming baptism on September 7, like we covered last week.

We cannot think of a better way to end our Acts Odyssey Journey together then by having a beach baptism! To celebrate those who have come to faith in Jesus or who are now ready to take this step of faith.

As we have seen in the book of Acts when people believe in faith in the Gospel of Jesus, they follow that faith with water baptism. We are excited as a church family to have a **Beach Baptism** coming up on **Labor Day September 7**. If anyone in your group hasn't taken the step to be baptized, now is the time! Water baptism is for every person that has put their faith in Jesus as their Lord & Savior.

If anyone in your group would like to be baptized please have them text "Baptism" to 808-824-5119 and have them fill out the form that will be sent to them.

We want to invite your 'Ohana Group to celebrate with those being baptized. We're switching it up a bit this time and meeting at Wailea Beach on Monday September 7th in the morning at 8:30am. We will be baptizing those in our church family that have decided to take this step of faith. We will be practicing social distancing so please stay in groups

of 10 or less. We will be celebrating with baptism only (this means no food/potluck).

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## **ACTS ODYSSEY WEEK 7**

**Read and Pray** Have someone (or divide up portions) read out loud Acts 22:1-29. After that have someone open today's video study with a prayer for God's blessing on your time together.

**Watch Video Week 7 Caesarea Maritime** (9 minutes)

**Rules of the Road** Remind your group leaders they do not have to do all the questions. Just go as far as you can with the time you have. Do your best to leave time to pray for one another.

**Leaders Note** It is always good to open up your discussion time with the first two questions. This gives your members time to first share their insights from the video they just saw and last week's reading assignment. The questions that follow are optional depending on the group you are working with. These questions tend to have members get a little more personal in their sharing.

**Go through discussion questions.** (You can have each member pull up the questions on their phone or you can print them out ahead of time and hand them out).

**Everyone meet back up** If the people in your home group did really well with their reading assignments, thank them. Use this as a reminder that the success of this study group has to do with each member taking this 50 day challenge seriously. It makes all the difference in their own personal lives and makes a huge difference in the group experience, insights, and sharing as well.

No homework, but remind everyone of next weeks plan and the start of the New Series for our 'Ohana Groups, "Everyday Battles".

**Prayer and Praise Time** Leaders, you can choose to meet back up for Prayer or have the smaller groups take prayer requests and pray together. Just remember to keep prayer request short and avoid giving advice, but rather bring it before Jesus in prayer. It's important to end your study on time. You as the leader might give a 5 minute warning to help the smaller groups start praying and end on time.