



Covid-19 Vaccine Exemption Workshop

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

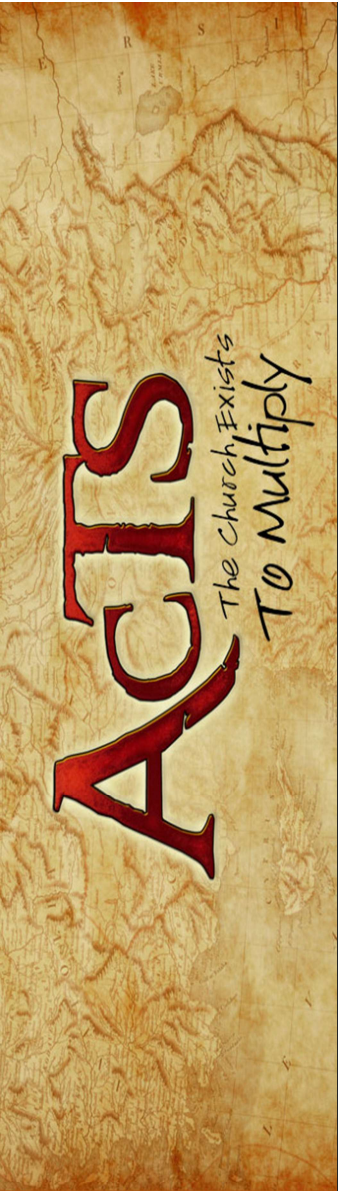
Arrive at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm Start
6:30 to 8:30 pm



ACTS 16:16-19

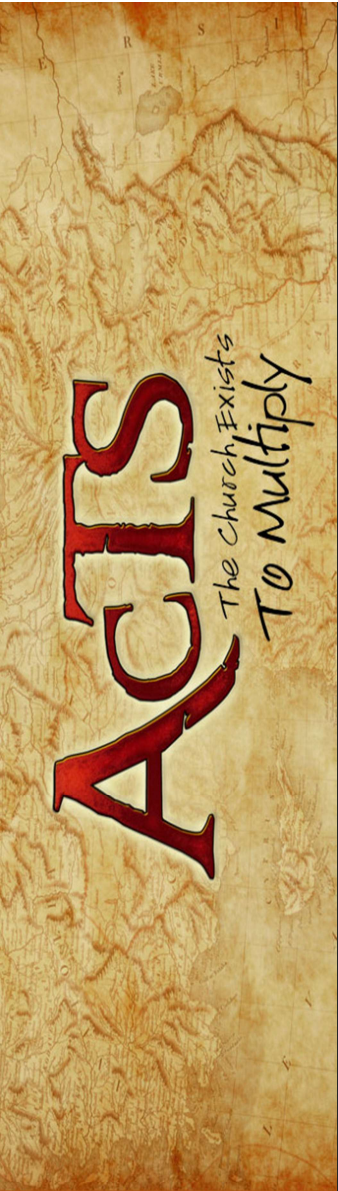
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DISCERNMENT – CRITICAL IN GOD’S KINGDOM

REVIEW:



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INTRODUCTION:

How do you grow in DISCERNMENT?

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THE CONTEXT

A Particular Slave Girl vs. 16

Acts 16:16 (ESV) As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.

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THE CONTEXT

A Particular Slave Girl vs. 16

A Truth Speaking Demon

Acts 16:17 (ESV) She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."



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Paul Calls Out the Demon

Acts 16:18 (ESV) And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

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THE CONTEXT

A Particular Slave Girl

A Truth Speaking Demon

Paul Calls Out the Demon

The Response

Acts 16:19 (ESV) But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.



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APPLICATION - Discernment Definition

Discernment is the ability to determine between truth and error, right and wrong, evil and good whether overt or covert.



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1 John 4:1 (ESV) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Philippians 1:9–10 (ESV) And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,



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Hebrews 5:14 (ESV) But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.



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Matthew 7:15: Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

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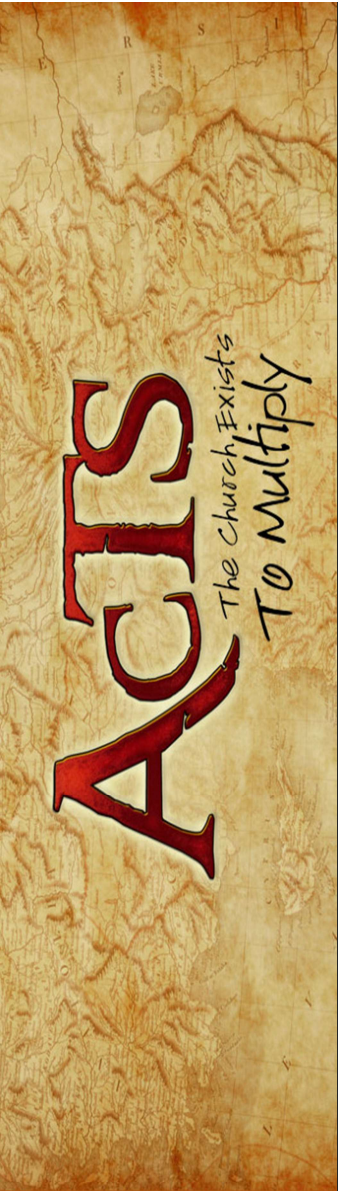
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Galatians 2:4-5: This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.



APPLICATION – Discernment Scope

1. Truth and Error



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Scope

1. Truth and Error
2. Circumstances



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1. Truth and Error
2. Circumstances
3. People



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Growing in Discernment

1. Grow in Truth

Proverbs 18:15 (NIV) The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.



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1. Grow in Truth
2. Grow in Spiritual Maturity
3. Grow in God's Wisdom

James 3:14–18 (ESV) But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.



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James 3:14–18 (ESV) . . . 15 *This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.*



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James 3:14–18 (ESV) . . . 17 *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.*



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Growing in Discernment

4. Grow in God's Anointing

1 John 2:27 (ESV) But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

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4. Grow in God's Anointing
5. The Gift

1 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.



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