

ONE OFF | MADE NEW

Date: April 21, 2024

Verses: Acts 16:22-34



SERIES INSIGHT

This weekend was a one-off message for Baptism Sunday at Grace. Join us next week as we kick off our new sermon series!

ICEBREAKER

- If you had to eliminate one thing from your daily routine, what would it be and why?
- If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. **Understanding Perseverance:** In Acts 16:22-24, Paul and Silas endure severe persecution and imprisonment, yet they continue to praise God. What lessons can we learn from their example about perseverance in difficult circumstances? How can we apply these lessons in our own lives when facing adversity?
3. **The Power of Prayer and Praise:** Despite being in chains, Paul and Silas pray and sing hymns to God, resulting in a miraculous earthquake that opens the prison doors. What does this reveal about the power of prayer and praise in the midst of trials? How can we cultivate a similar attitude of prayer and praise in our own lives, especially when facing challenges?
4. **Impact of Faith:** The jailer and his household are profoundly impacted by witnessing the faith and actions of Paul and Silas. Reflect on the transformation that occurs in the jailer's life after encountering the gospel. How does this narrative demonstrate the transformative power of faith? In what ways can we be channels of God's transformative power to those around us?
5. **Responding to God's Call:** Paul and Silas respond obediently to the call to stay and minister to the jailer, despite their freedom being granted. Discuss the significance of their decision to remain and share the gospel with the jailer and his household. How can we discern and respond to God's call in our own lives, even when it requires sacrifice or goes against our initial plans?
6. **A Baptism Response:** The response of the jailer & his household is to be baptized. Share your own baptism experience. If you've not been baptized, what's holding you back?

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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