

Sermon 6/3/20 - Surviving the End of Everything (Sort of)

This quarter we are practicing the spiritual discipline of listening prayer. As you meet with your group, spend the first several minutes of your time listening to a worship song. Allow your ears to be tuned to the words. Think about what words capture you and repeat those words to yourself. Once the song ends, write these words down and spend time reflecting on them as you navigate through this week.

Worship Everywhere

What does it look like to worship God when we are constrained? Let's take a look at Paul and Silas' act of worship as we read Acts 16:16

- 1) **Worship brings deliverance:** Worship is not what we do, it's who we are. It's the posture of our heart. It's a posture that says, "you are God and I am not." It's saying, "I will choose not to curse you but to bless you despite my circumstances." As Mel said, singing to God brings you back to the place that is like a well-driven road taking you back home without having to think about it.
 - a. Are you a spectator when it comes to worship, or are you a participant?
 - b. How have you responded to worship on the couch?
 - c. What have your experiences been during your times of worship?

- 2) **How you spend your deliverance reveals what you worship.** Mel used the phrase, "being led by the Holy Spirit" is asking God what He is requiring from us in this very moment. What God may require you to do could look very different from what He's calling someone else to do. Reflecting back to the scripture, you'll find that instead of running away free from the prison once their shackles were broken, Paul and Silas were led by the Holy Spirit to stay with their jailor... and by doing so, God moved and brought salvation to the jailor and his family.
 - a. How often do you ask the Holy Spirit how He wants to move through you?
 - b. How are you being led by the Holy Spirit during this time of isolation?
 - c. What does it look like to be led by the Holy Spirit as we re-enter society?

End your meeting today with reading Galatians 5:13-15. As being an image bearer of Christ and being led by the Holy Spirit, what does this scripture look like if we put it to practice? Come together in prayer at this time with your group. We bless the freedom and deliverance you will find as you come to God in worship and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.