



Small Group Study Questions

Week 26

Acts 16:6-10 (NASB 1995)

6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; **7** and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; **8** and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. **9** A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10** When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:22-34 (NASB 1995)

22 The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order *them* to be beaten with rods. **23** When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; **24** and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; **26** and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. **27** When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. **28** But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!” **29** And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, **30** and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” **32** And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. **33** And he took them that *very* hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his *household*. **34** And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

DIGGING DEEPER

When was the last time you rejoiced about something? (I.e. birth of a child, good situation happening in your life, etc)

When was the last time you rejoiced about something spiritual or eternal in nature?

Summarize what happens from Acts 15:36 to Acts 16:15

Read Acts 16:16-17

Is what the slave girl said true?

Does it matter who says truth or are all declarations of truth equally valid?

Read Acts 16:18-24

What did the slave girl's master rejoice over in their lives? What did they ignore?

Are the accusations true? What's wrong with the way this "trial" is happening?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Acts 16:25-29

How would you describe Paul and Silas' mental and spiritual state?

Read Acts 16:30-34

Why did the jailer believe that Paul and Silas had the answer to his question?

Who is rejoicing and why?

When was the last time you rejoiced about your salvation? Spend time in your group sharing your joy!

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

