

# **Small Group Study Questions**

Sermon on June 11th, 2023

### Acts 16:22-34 (NASB)

22 The crowd joined in an attack 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 Now 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 was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison 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, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" 29 And the jailer asked 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 God 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 was overjoyed, since he had become a believer in God together with his whole household.

## Romans 10:9 (NASB)

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

# **DIGGING DEEPER** If someone asked you "What must I do to be saved", what would you say? What is a verse that you would share? Why that one? Read Acts 16:22-24 What did the jailer do? How would you rate how well he is doing his job? Read Acts 16:25-29 What's your favorite prayer or song of praise to God that you go to in tough times? What would your response be in this situation? (From the perspective of Paul or the Jailer)

### Read Acts 16:30-34

Review all that the jailer has done up to this point. What are some things that people think they can "do to be saved"?

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Are there any doubts in Paul & Silas' words about what would happen if the jailer and his household believed? Have you before or do you now have any doubts in your salvation?
Who was the last family member who came to faith in Jesus? Did you celebrate with them? How?
Is there someone in your life who needs to hear this message of simple faith for salvation? Share the name with the group and pray for them by name. Also, pray for the courage to share this truth with them.
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