

Freedom!
Acts 16:16-34

How does the gospel of Jesus Christ free you from oppression?

- I. The nature of oppression
 - A. Spiritual (v. 16-19)
 - B. Cultural (v. 27)
- II. Freedom from oppression
 - A. The impotence of the powers that oppress (v. 18, 22-26)
 - B. The healing power of Christ (v. 29-33)
 - C. The healing power of Christ's body (v. 34, 40)

Application Guide:

1. In what ways do you objectify people or treat them like a commodity? How have you been treated like this? How is it oppressive?
2. At what cost are you avoiding shame? How is the avoidance of shame oppressing and enslaving you?
3. What person or situation do you need to bring into the presence of Jesus to find freedom from anger, anxiety, or fear?
4. How are your past wounds (how you have been sinned against) causing you to wound others? What wounds do you need Christ to wash?