

God Empowered Gospel

Series: Current (message 1) **Date:** February 1/2, 2020

Intro:

Acts 16:6-40

God guides the gospel (6-12).

- Hebrews 10:37-39

God will give opportunities and results (13-15).

God will overcome opposition (16-40).

God will uphold the gospel's reputation (35-40).

The Good News hasn't changed, but it changes any world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heart & Soul Valentine's Dinner Show – Friday, February 14 from 6:30-8:30pm

Don't try to fight the crowds for Valentine's Day—enjoy a fun evening out with a catered dinner of chicken or steak fajitas (plus more) as well as live music from the 60s, 70s, and some modern favorites too. Text the keyword FEB14 to 951-382-5111 to purchase tickets and attend as a group.

Baptisms – February 15/16

If someone in your group is interested in this next step, text BAPTISM to 951-382-5111 or let Brent know (BBranchaud@olive-branch.org).

RECAP THE SERMON

Discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out to you?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. **Read Acts 16:6-10.** Describe a time where you planned to do something, but God prevented you from carrying out those plans. How did you respond when God closed that door?
2. **Read Proverbs 16:9.** How can you tell if you are surrendering or submitting your plans to God?
3. **Read Acts 16:14-15 & 33.** Why do you think people sometimes put off being baptized, rather than taking this step soon after they believe like Lydia and the Philippians jailer?
4. **Read Acts 16:25-32.** What was the last opportunity you had to share your faith with others, and how did you respond to that opportunity?
5. What opposition have you faced when you've shared your faith with others? How did God help you overcome it?
6. What responsibility do you have in helping others come to faith?
7. This week pray daily for God to give you opportunities to share your faith and courage take advantage of them.

MEMORIZE

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Acts 17:1-15. What stood out to you from this passage? What questions did you have about what you read?