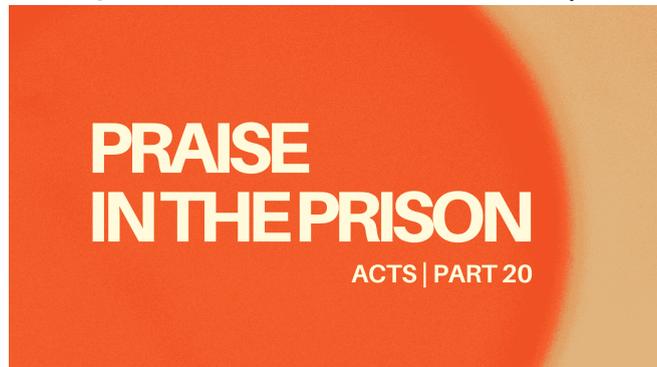


## Connect Group Guide: "Praise In Prison | Acts: Part 20"



**Passage: Acts 16:11-40**

**Sermon Link:** [▶ Praise In Prison | Acts: Part 20](#)

### **Welcome:**

*(Choose a question for your group to discuss)*

- What is your default response when you feel stuck?
- What do you know of the account of Paul & Silas in prison?

### **Worship:**

*(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)*

- [▶ God I'm Just Grateful | Elevation Worship & Chandler Moore](#)

### **Word:**

*(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)*

**Before reading the scripture:**

- Have you ever felt like you wanted to escape an uncomfortable situation but felt that God still wanted you there? How did you deal with this?
- Have you ever had to make a decision to praise God even in difficult circumstances? Please share...

**Read: Acts 16:11-40**

- The guard put Paul & Silas in the inner cell and fastened them in stocks, yet they decided to praise God where the other prisoners could listen to them.

- How does this encourage you to praise God with your actions and words in your school/uni/workplace?
- Why do you think none of the prisoners left as soon as the doors opened? Perhaps they discovered a freedom that ran deeper than the physical realm.
  - What does it look like for you to be spiritually free even when you're still physically 'stuck' somewhere?
- God demonstrated his love even for the prison guard. Who comes to mind as someone who is unlikely to become a Christian?
  - How can you continue to trust God for their salvation in prayer this week?
- Paul requested to be acquitted in public because he was accused in public. He had the future of the church in this region in mind.
  - How is God calling you to think about the wider church body as you praise God where you currently find yourself?

## Works:

***(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)***

- How is God calling you to praise in your current circumstance?
- How is God calling you to focus on the salvation of others despite your own circumstances?
- How can you connect with other believers if you are going through a difficult time?

## Closing:

***(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)***

Consider spending some time in quiet prayer or praising Him together as a connect group.

