

Title: THE HISTORY OF PHILIPPI

Main Scripture: Acts 16:6-10, 16-40

Battle #1—the devil (vv 16-18)

**Battle #2—the world** (vv 19-24)

Battle #3—the flesh (v 25)

**Victory #1** (v 26)

Victory #2 (vv 27-34)



## History of Philippi | September 16/17, 2023

Small Group Sermon Study | Acts 16:6-10, 16-40

**Prayer:** Father, we thank You for who You are. May we be renewed and transformed through the study of Your word. Holy Spirit, lead us as we read, discern and discuss this passage together. In Jesus' name, amen.

**Icebreaker:** What is the hardest thing you have done?

1. What stood out to you about the message?

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

- 2. There are three sources of temptation and influence that try to take us off track of what God
- is calling us to the world, the flesh and the devil. As you read through the passages, discover and discuss how Paul overcame each of these temptations?
- 3. What could each of these temptations look like in our lives?
- 4. How have you overcome some of these temptations? Do you recognize areas in your life that these temptations are holding you back from fulfilling the call that God has on you?

Read again Acts 16:16-40.

Paul and Silas endured suffering and persecution, yet this did not hinder them from obeying God or pursuing God through prayer and worship. And the church of Philippi was born!

Quietly reflect on this statement. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is anything (the world, the flesh and the devil) that holds you back from obeying and serving Him?

**Prayer:** Close in prayer together, praying for yourself and for one another, according to whatever God has shown or spoken to you today.