

Spring Groups Season
Week 14



ORIGINS

Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

This week in our *Origins* series we looked at Acts 12 and Acts 16. Pastor Frank taught a powerful message entitled, “Should Chains Come” as we looked at both Peter and Paul who were in chains for the gospel. We considered how chains have been a regular part of life for Christ-followers and how we might prepare “should chains come”.

1. Chains

- Pastor Frank shared that there is no Christianity without a cross...nor is there Christianity without chains. Why have “chains” been such a common experience for those who follow Christ?
- Historically speaking, we live in a parenthesis of peace. In what ways do you take this moment of peace for granted?
- Chains might await us at some point. How might you prepare now for the chains down the road?

2. Prayer

- We read in Acts 12:5 that the church was constantly praying specifically for Peter. Who are you praying for these days?
- How can you (re)prioritize prayer in your life for the sake of others?
- How can this group pray specifically for you?

APPLICATION

3. Justice

- The guards in Acts 12 were put to death “for doing their job”, while the guard in Acts 16 gets saved (including his family). How might this be perceived as “injustice”?
- Our main focus shouldn’t be to get justice, rather it should be to proclaim the gospel and leave justice up to the One who is perfectly just. What situation(s) in your life are you overly concerned that you get the justice you feel you deserve?

PRAYER

Pray for those brothers and sisters around the world who are presently “in chains” for the gospel!



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