

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

FEB. 22 & 23 - ACTS 16 - THE QUESTION OF FREEDOM

OPENING QUESTION

Do you have a great memory from a time in your life where you felt really free? Why did you and what did it look like?

READ TOGETHER

Acts 16:16-34

BIG IDEA

God came to give us freedom through His grace. As we embrace it through Jesus, we will experience freedom from bondage, freedom to embrace our new identity, and freedom that will overwhelm our circumstances.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Who in these verses needed freedom?
- 2) Did they receive freedom, and was it what they expected?
- 3) How much does evil influence our freedom?
- 4) For the jailer, what was significant about the way he addressed Paul and Silas? What does this tell us about how he began to look at himself?
- 5) How hard would it have been for Paul and Silas to pray and sing while in chains? What does that say about their perspective?
- 6) What kinds of things hold us back from experiencing the freedom Jesus promised in John 14:27?
- 7) Where does this peace truly come from?
- 8) Describe the relationship between peace and freedom. Give examples.

CHALLENGE

This week I commit to look honestly at areas in my life that are restricting my freedom in Jesus.

PRAYER

Ask God for insight into ways the Devil tries to keep us in chains. Ask God to help you fully realize the peace He has already given you.

NEXT STEP

Read through Galatians and see what Paul told that group of people as they wrestled through their freedom in Jesus.

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