

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Share the circumstances of your salvation. In what situation did you believe?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Acts 16:11-15. Why did Paul/Silas go to the river? Is there somewhere comparable today?
3. What does it mean “the Lord opened her heart?” (c.f. Eph 2:1-5) What was the result?
4. Read Acts 16:16-34. What does the success of this fortune-telling business reveal about Philippi’s religious outlook?
5. How did Paul/Silas react to prison? What impact did it have on the Jailer? What lesson is there for us? (c.f. 2Tim 2:10; James 1:2-3)
6. What did the Jailer do *to be saved*? What did he do *as a result* of being saved?
7. Read Acts 16:35-40. Why do you think Paul played

the “Roman card” after his release and not before?

8. Why do you think Paul/Silas did not leave Philippi immediately but went to Lydia’s? How might this have protected the church?

LIVING IT OUT

9. What does it mean for women that the Macedonian Vision (16:9-10) led directly to Lydia? See Galatians 3:28.
10. Who are you more comfortable talking with: a Lydia type or a Jailer type?
11. What methods have you found successful in sharing the Gospel? To what type of person are they best suited?
12. How has God used your suffering as a platform to share the Gospel?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

- Acts 16:31 NIV

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