

Acts^{vol. 5} THE CHURCH EXPANDING



Corresponds with the 2/12/23 sermon

Acts 16:11 - 40

In Acts 16 we find Paul is in prison. He had done the right things but still he wound up in this desperate place. What do we do when doing the right thing lands us in the wrong place? Can we still trust God?


Big Idea: Learn to look for God's hand in all things

GETTING STARTED

- 1) Would you rather... always be 10 minutes late or always be 20 minutes early?
- 2) We are diving back into the book of acts. What has stood out to you or impacted you most so far in our study of this book?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.

 Have someone in your group read **Acts 16:11 - 40**.

- What stands out to you about today's passage?
- What do you find interesting or confusing about this passage?



- What was Paul and Silas's response to their imprisonment?
- Where do you see God's plan at work in today's passage?

GETTING PRACTICAL

- 1) Today we find that we can find God's hand at work in all things. When do you find it most challenging to trust God has a plan?
- 2) Today's passage is full of God's provision and care for His people. Can you remember a time where God cared for you in a difficult time?
- 3) When you do all the right things and don't get the right result how do you tend to respond? How do you see Paul and Silas responding and how could you respond differently?
- 4) What is the mission of all followers of Jesus? How can we respond when we are met with resistance in this mission?

TAKING IT HOME

Spend some time applying today's discussion to your life with the following exercise

Read: Hebrews 13:8 and Philippians 4:9

Answer: What do these passages tell you about God's character? Do you find assurance in their words?

Pray: Use the scriptures you read to help guide your time of prayer.

