

Bold and Powerful
Week's reading: Acts 16:1-17:34
Discussion Guide: Nov 12, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. - Acts 15:19

Did you have any moments where you intentionally pursued unity this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
 - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Acts 16:16-40

- What stands out to you most from this passage?
 - o Why do you think that is?

- What are some ways people are in bondage to evil?
 - o Why is it often difficult for a Christian to deal with someone who is in bondage to evil?

- Why were Paul and Silas treated so badly?

- How did Paul and Silas display their faith in prison?
 - o Do you think you would hold up in a similar situation? Why?
 - o What can a Christian do to plan for opposition/persecution?

- Why do you think the jailer asked the question he did to Paul and Silas?
 - o In what ways did the jailer respond to the gospel?

- How might Paul have been helping the cause of the Philippian church when he asserted his rights as a Roman citizen?
 - o When should Christians give up their legal rights for the sake of the gospel? When should they leverage them?

- What can we learn from Paul and Silas to help us cope with difficult times ahead?

APPLY:

- What can you pray about this week to put a check on evil in your place of work, neighborhood, or community?
- What songs and prayers of praise can you offer God today?
- How can you encourage someone else in his or her Christian walk this week?
- NEXT STEP: How do you need to respond or re-respond to the gospel this week (faith, repentance, baptism)?

Memory Work:

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. - Acts 16:31-33

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 18:1-20:12