



THE BOOK OF

ACTS

GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 10: The Jailbird Crisis

SERIES OVERVIEW

In this series, we examine the remarkable spread of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...and how we fit into the story God is continuing to write through His Church.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what's helpful to your group!

CONNECTION

Did you ever make an emotional decision that did not turn out the way you planned? Share with the group.

TRUTH

Read Acts 16:9-15. How was Paul deliberate with where and who he shared the Gospel?

CONFLICT Read Acts 16:16-18

Was the slave girl a help or a hindrance in sharing the Gospel? Why did Paul wait many days to respond to her? Do you think Paul's response to the slave girl was intentional or impulsive?

CRISIS Read Acts 16:19-25

Why was Silas dragged into the crisis, but Luke and Timothy were not? Was there a racial or cultural component? How did Paul and Silas respond to their crisis? What makes this response possible?

The prisoners, jailer and girl's masters all experienced a crisis, how are their responses different? Why did the jailer believe but the girl's masters did not?

CONVERSION Read Acts 16:26-36

How did the prisoners respond to the earthquake? Why? Describe the difference in jailer's behavior before and after the earthquake?

APPLICATION

CONFLICT

Have you ever experienced a spiritual conflict when you tried to share your faith? Was it fear, worry, doubt or something else? How can you overcome this conflict?

CRISIS

When faced with a crisis are you more likely to focus on God or the circumstances? On others or yourself? How did you respond to a recent crisis? Do you think your response was a positive influence for the Gospel? How could you have behaved differently?

CONVERSION

How is your life different since you have accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Share how your priorities, behaviors, beliefs, or values have changed. What can you do to help yourself and others grow in Christ?

PRAYER

Think of a person you know who does not know Jesus; maybe a coworker, neighbor, family member, or friend. Spend some time praying for God to tear down strongholds in their life and make them receptive to the Gospel. Pray that God will give you boldness to share your faith whenever you have the opportunity.