

CHURCH AT THE DOME - ACTS 16:13-34 - SEPT. 21

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

Read Acts 16:13–34. After reading, spend 60 seconds in silent listening prayer. What applications or thoughts about the text came into your mind? Might those be from the Spirit? Close with a prayer to God for wisdom to apply these truths.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- Acts 16 tells us about three people Paul leads to faith in Christ and baptizes ... three types of people: the seeker, the captive, and the cynic.
- “The Lord opened Lydia’s heart to pay attention to what Paul said ... God creates thirst, awakens interest, and points us to what truly satisfies.”
- “Paul turned his back on freedom to rescue the jailer ... an act of incredible, radical generosity that displayed the gospel’s power.”
- “The gospel unites humanity because at our core, we all share the same problem—sin—and one hope of escape: Jesus’ death and resurrection.”
- “Salvation is not something you do but something Jesus has done ... believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

Group Discussion

1. Looking at Lydia, the slave girl, and the jailor, what does their diversity show us about the kind of church God is building?
2. Lydia’s story reminds us that God opens hearts. How can this encourage us when sharing Christ with friends or family who seem indifferent?
3. The jailor was drawn by Paul’s and Silas’ joy and generosity in suffering. How can our group and church embody that kind of witness today?
4. The Resurrection gives confidence, freedom, and hope. Which of these do you most need to remember right now in your walk with Christ?

CHALLENGE

- ☐ Identify one person in your life who seems like a seeker, captive, or cynic. Pray for them daily and look for one small way to show Christ’s love this week.

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to bring lasting fruit from the Church at the Dome service, leading many to genuine belief and wholehearted trust in Christ.
- ☐ Pray God would deepen our trust in him, producing boldness, generosity, and joy that point others to Christ.
- ☐ Pray God would shape our church into a body that reflects the unity of Philippi’s first believers, crossing barriers of gender, class, and background.