

The Power of the Gospel Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What was a life shaping event that you had when you were growing up?
2. Who is the most famous person you've met?

Read the following passage: Acts 16:13-34.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What were Lydia's barriers to becoming a Christian? Do you think there are people like Lydia around you? If so, what steps can you take to introduce them to Jesus?
2. If a friend or coworker asked you to explain the Gospel to them what would you say? What can you do to sharpen your understanding and communication of the Gospel?
3. From this passage, what does it look like to call on the name of Jesus when we face spiritual opposition? Do you regularly call on the name of Jesus? How so?
4. How have you experienced the power of Jesus over darkness recently?
5. What gave Paul and Silas the strength to praise God when they were unjustly beaten and thrown in prison? How do you respond when you are treated unfairly? How can we learn from Paul's and Silas's example?
6. How did God respond to Paul's and Silas's praise? What does that say about our praise and prayers if we don't give up?
7. What did Paul and Silas do when they came face to face with a repentant jailer? How do you respond to people who have wronged you and are apologetic?
8. Have you ever labeled someone as "too far gone" for even Jesus to change? Who do you need to be intentional about introducing Jesus to?
9. Who are three people you know who are not yet following Jesus and for whom you can pray on a daily basis?

Pray