

The Heart of the Matter

12. From verses 23-30, if you were falsely accused, severely beaten, and thrown into a dark jail, would you still trust in God's plan?

13. From this passage what can you learn about knowing peace and joy in the midst of hard times?

14. How would you respond to the question, "What must I do to be saved"?

15. Would you have called the magistrates to task as Paul and Silas did in verses 37-40? Why or why not?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Are You Ready? Acts 16:16-40 For the Week of June 2, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Are you very musical? What is your favorite kind of music?

3. Have you ever been in a tight spot with the authorities? How did you get out of it or not?

Digging Deeper

4. In verses 16-18, this slave girl and her shouting was affecting the apostles' ministry. How? Even though she was saying what was true, why was this a problem?

5. What was the perspective of this girl's owners in verses 17-21? What do they stand to gain or lose regarding their slave girl?

6. What did Paul have to do in verse 18? What accusations did the slave owners bring against Paul? On what basis would the crowd and the local magistrate have gotten involved in this situation? (V22-24)

7. What is so amazing about Paul and Silas' reaction to all of this in verse 25? How might their actions in prison have affected their own hearts? The hearts of the other prisoners? The heart of the jailer?

8. What do Paul and Silas' actions throughout this passage show about their own character and their commitment to Christ?

9. Describe what the jailer was going through in this passage from the time of the earthquake to his subsequent conversion to Christ. What seemed to have touched his heart the most?

10. In what specific ways did the jailer express his new found faith in Christ? How legitimate is his conversion to Christ?

11. Given the charge against them in verses 20-21, why would Paul insist on his rights as a Roman citizen? What difference did this move make with the authorities? Why?