

Disciple (12-7-25) The Book of Acts CORE Questions

Read Acts 16:22-40

- 1. Responding to Suffering with Worship.** Paul and Silas responded to severe injustice—being beaten and imprisoned—by praying and singing hymns. *What does their response reveal about the source of their hope, and how does it challenge the way we typically respond to unfair or painful circumstances? How might worship reshape our perspective in seasons of suffering?*
- 2. Witness in Unexpected Places.** The prisoners were listening, and the jailer and his family ultimately came to Christ. *How does this passage challenge our assumptions about where and how God might use us as witnesses? What “unexpected places” in your life right now might be opportunities for God to work through you?*
- 3. The Simplicity and Power of the Gospel.** When the jailer asks, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul answers simply: “Believe in the Lord Jesus.” *Why is it so important to keep the message of salvation centered on faith in Christ alone? How do we sometimes complicate the gospel in our own lives or in the way we share it with others?*
- 4. Integrity, Justice, and Boldness.** Paul didn’t allow the magistrates to quietly dismiss the injustice done to them. He stood on his rights as a Roman citizen for the sake of the gospel and the young church. *What does Paul’s boldness teach us about when and how to stand for justice? How can believers today discern when to quietly endure hardship and when to speak up with truth and integrity?*

Family Question:

(for parents and children to discuss together)

Paul and Silas praised God even when they were hurting and in prison. God used their faith to help the jailer and his whole family believe in Jesus.

Why is it important for us to trust God and talk about His goodness even when life is hard? Can you think of a time when your faith helped someone else see Jesus more clearly?