

## WEEK 12: MARCH 16-22

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

### MEETING AGENDA



1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE** - Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



#### GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

## PAUL AND SILAS WORSHIP IN PRISON

### TODAY'S PASSAGE:

*Acts 16:25-34 (NLT) - 25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! 27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." 32 And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household.*

*33 Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. 34 He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.*



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

What did you learn from what we just read?



#### TRUTH #1

WORSHIP IN TRIALS BRINGS PEACE AND  
DEMONSTRATES TRUST IN GOD (V.25)

- Paul and Silas, even after being beaten and unjustly imprisoned, chose to worship God through prayer and praise. Their example shows that worship isn't about our circumstances but about trusting in God's goodness, even in tough times.
- Worship is an act of faith, declaring that God is worthy no matter what we face. When we praise Him during trials, we show deep trust in His presence and character.
- In the middle of the chaos, Paul and Silas found peace—not from their situation, but from knowing God was with them.

**Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,** will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- When we stay close to God, we can experience peace in any situation because our peace comes from Him, not from what's happening around us.



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

How have you experienced peace in difficult situations by staying close to God, and what role did worship or prayer play in that peace?



## TRUTH #2

WORSHIP AND PRAYER LEAD TO DELIVERANCE  
(V.26)

- When we worship and pray in our trial, we invite God's supernatural presence and power into our situation, which can lead to powerful deliverance.
- Worship and prayer breaks spiritual chains. Paul and Silas' worship and prayer didn't just affect them. It also broke the chains of everyone in the prison around them!
- Worship and prayer can break spiritual bondage, not only in our own lives but also in the lives of those around us.

**Isaiah 61:1 (NLT)** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for **the Lord has anointed me** to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that **captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.**



### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

How has worship or prayer helped you experience freedom in a difficult situation, and how could your worship inspire or impact those around you who need freedom?



## TRUTH #3

GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES IS A WITNESS  
TO OTHERS AND CAN LEAD THEM TOWARD  
SALVATION. (V. 27-30)



- Paul and Silas' response to hardship was a powerful testimony, demonstrating that God's power, peace, and presence in our lives can serve as a witness to those who don't know Him.

**1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)** For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; **it is living by God's power.**

- The jailer was moved by Paul and Silas's faith and God's power demonstrated in the earthquake, which led him to ask, "What must I do to be saved?"

**Matthew 5:16 (NLT)** "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and **glorify your Father in heaven.**"

- Our faith, words, and actions can inspire others to seek salvation and experience the life-changing power of Jesus.

**2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT)** Preach the word of God. **Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not.**



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

In what ways has God's presence in your life been a witness to others, and how can your faith encourage someone to seek salvation?



#### TRUTH #4

THE PROMISE OF SALVATION IS NOT JUST FOR YOU— IT'S FOR EVERYONE CONNECTED TO YOU. (V.31-34)

- Salvation Comes Through Faith in Jesus Christ.

**Romans 3:22 (NLT)** **We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.** And this is true for **everyone who believes**, no matter who we are.



- When we live out our faith, we set an example for our household to follow. Faith starts with one person but can transform an entire family.
- True faith results in transformation and obedience. The jailer's faith was evident in his actions—being baptized with his family.
- Just as the jailer's faith led to the salvation of his entire family, God wants to work through you to bring salvation to your loved ones.



### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

How can your faith in Jesus impact those around you, and what are some ways you can lead your family or loved ones toward salvation?



### CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing from today's lesson that you will apply this week?



## GIVING

**Generosity brings abundance.**

***Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)***

***Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.***

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

## PRAYER



### QUESTION #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?



### QUESTION #2

Who can you invite to the next meeting?



### QUESTION #3

What are your prayer requests?