



SDG Discussion Guide

Acts 16:6-34

May 3, 2020

For starters:

How did you feel in general this week? What can you share openly with your group this week?

What helps your spirits when you are down? What reminds you of the “good of days”?

Guideline:

Before you begin the reading of Scripture, pray, and ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your previous days through the pandemic situation and people. Pause in your prayer and listen. Then, ask Him to illuminate your reading and speak to your group now. Notice, what may God be bringing to your group for discussion?

Next, as you can in your group, read aloud and slowly **Acts 16:6-34**.

Now that you have prayed and read the Scripture, please see the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. What does the response of Paul and Silas in verse 25 show about them? How must the jailer and the others in prison have experienced them? What do you learn here?
2. What do you think caused the jailer to want to be saved?
3. In what ways does the jailer express his new faith in Jesus?
4. What does this story say to you about dealing with hard times?
5. How did the Lord open your heart to respond to the Gospel? Who did he use as part of the process?
6. Where do you have “open doors” for ministry now: In your home? Friends? Colleagues? Community? How may God be using you to be a vessel of His grace and blessing to another, and what can you do about it? Where are others in your life an instrument of blessing to you, and how are you responding?
7. If asked, “What must I do to be saved?” how would you answer?

Prayer:

Once again, spend plenty of time to gather the reflections and insights that have come from your study, and turn them into a time of request and praise. See again verse 34, and then pray together that your group and household will be filled anew with the joy of jailer, in Jesus’ name, amen.

*The discussion questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).