

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 9/27/20

Acts 16:25-40 “The God Who Opens Prison Doors and Jailer’s Hearts”

I. God opens opportunities for us to _____ on Him (25-28).

- A. Surprise #1: There was singing in _____ (25).
- B. Surprise #2: There was an _____ (26).
- C. Surprise #3: The prisoners chose not to _____ (27-28).

II. God opens opportunities for us to _____ for Him (29-34).

- A. To be saved, it takes _____ (29-30).
- B. To be saved, it takes _____ (31).
- C. To be saved, it takes the reception of the _____ of God (32).
- D. Once saved, there will be evidence of _____ (33-34).
 - 1. You will show _____ for your sin (33a).
 - 2. You will want to be _____ (33b).
 - 3. You will want to _____ (34a).
 - 4. You will exhibit _____ (34b).

III. God opens opportunities for us to _____ Him open up more opportunities (35-40)!

- A. The _____ ignored the injustice (35-36).

B. _____ exposed it (37-39).

C. Then Paul resumed his original _____ (40).

Application: Consider two questions...

- 1. Are you seeing the ministry _____ in your life?
- 2. Are you making the _____ of them?

Community Group Discussion:

- 1. This morning’s message was entitled, “*The God Who Opens Prison Doors and Jailer’s Hearts.*” Take time as a group to re-read the passage, Acts 16:25-40. What do we learn about God from this account?
- 2. In verse 25 we see Paul and Silas praying and singing in their prison cell. What does that say to us about these men? How in the world could they *sing* with their feet in stocks? What can we learn from their example?
- 3. In verse 30, a shaken jailer asked Paul and Silas the question of all questions, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Look again at the conversation between the two missionaries and the jailer. What do we learn here that can help us be more effective witnesses for Christ?
- 4. In the third scene Paul mentions in verse 37 that they are Roman citizens. Why? And why do you think he didn’t mention this earlier?
- 5. Spend time as a group praying to the One who opens prison doors and jailer’s hearts. Ask Him to open up the hearts of unsaved people in our families and community. Ask Him to open up opportunities for us to know Him better and help others know Him.