

Salvation Message 3

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Outline

Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Acts 16:16-18)

2. Rely on _____. (Acts 16:25-28. C/R: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Peter 4:19; 5:10)

3. Respond to _____. (Acts 16:29-34. C/R: Matthew 10:32; John 20:31; James 2:14-17, 1 Peter 3:13-16;)

B. A salvation story... (Acts 16:19-34)

 Realize possibility of ______.
(Acts 16:19-24. C/R: Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:11-12; 1 Peter 4:12-17)

Answers: 1. persecution 2. God 3. interest

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

What gets better as you age?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to give you insight and direction as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read <u>Acts 16:1-10</u>.

1. How do you think Paul and Silas knew it was God who was leading them?

- 2. Have you ever sensed God leading you to have a conversation with someone about Jesus? Describe.
- 3. How could you be more alert to the Holy Spirit's guidance?

Read <u>Acts 16:11-15</u>.

- 4. What was unusual about Lydia, especially for society at that time?
- 5. What importance does Lydia's story have in this passage?
- 6. What does it mean for the Lord to *open a heart* (vs. 14-15)?

Read <u>Acts 16:16-24</u>.

- 7. Paul and Silas cast a demon out of the slave girl (vs. 16-19). Why weren't her masters happy about this?
- 8. Why do you think the crowd so easily joined in against Paul and Silas?

- 9. How do you usually respond when someone pushes back against your beliefs?
- 10. Why is it good when people mock you? See <u>Matthew 5:11-12</u>; <u>1 Peter 4:12-17.</u>
- 11. How can you tell when someone is interested in hearing about Jesus?
- 12. How can you prepare for the reality of suffering as a Christian?

Digging Deeper

As we follow Jesus, God offers hope and direction. Study these passages and write down what God teaches you: <u>Matthew 5:43-48</u>; <u>10:16-20</u>; <u>Romans 8:35-39</u>; <u>1 Thessalonians 5:14-18</u>; <u>1 Peter 4:14-19</u>; <u>5:8-11</u>; <u>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</u>.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we do to interrupt our usual thoughts, feelings and patterns enabling us to move more deeply into the life of Christ.

Think of someone you'd love to meet Jesus for the first time. Pray for them every day this week, and ask God for opportunities to share the beautiful message of salvation.

Memory Verse

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with
everyone in your household."Acts 16:31 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Matthew 5:11-12</u> Day 2: <u>2 Timothy 3:11-12</u> Day 3: <u>Psalm 12:1-5</u> Day 4: <u>1 Thessalonians 5:14-18</u> Day 5: <u>2 Corinthians 12:9-10</u>

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 2, we'll continue our *Church Extended* series in the book of Acts with a message about connecting. Read <u>Acts 17</u> to prepare.



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