

Family Discipleship Resource

Jun 28-Jul 4

(Acts 16:31-40)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Help me to answer you call, seek the lost, engage those around me, stand strong against pressure, and make the most of the opportunities you give me to remain on mission.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 16:31-40)

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. 33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. 34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, "Release those men." 36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Therefore come out now and go in peace." 37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out." 38 The policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. They were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, 39 and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city. 40 They went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia, and when they saw the brethren, they [d]encouraged them and departed.

O – Observe what God has said

What is Paul's answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?"

Why is it important to believe in the LORD Jesus Christ? (How does "Lord" identify Jesus?)

Why do you suppose Paul waited to share with the authorities that he was a citizen until now?

W – Work on Application

For those already in God's family, what are you willing today to do to welcome to Jesus—seeing folks become friends we grow to know and love and see those friends become part of the family of God? Paul answered the clear call of God (Acts 16:11), sought people out (Acts 16:13), engaged those God brought his way (Acts 16:14ff), stood strong amid great persecution (Acts 16:22ff), and leveraged even uncomfortable opportunities to share the gospel (Acts 16:25ff). Which of these things need to be pursued in your life, in our church's life as we are on mission?

Which of the things that we see Paul do in Acts 16 do you think are the most difficult for you/for our church?

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What steps can you take this week to improve in the area you struggle in as you pursue God's mission?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."-Acts 16:31*