

Family Discipleship Resource

Jun 14-20

(Acts 16:16-24)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Lord, grant us the courage to share the truth of Jesus Christ regardless of distraction and even amid opposition!

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 16:16-24)

16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." 18 She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities, 20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews, 21 and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."

22 The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. 23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

O – Observe what God has said

What kind of attacks did Paul facing in this passage?

What does the world employ to silence the church and gospel mission today?

W – Work on Application

Thankfully, all this is no match for Jesus Christ who sits at the right hand of the Father in victory, having vanquished sin and death. The same power that rose Jesus from the dead is able to save those who are oppressed and even possessed by evil. No one is too far from his reach and freedom is available to all through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the message that we need to share—despite the hecklers (because they need to hear it too), and despite whatever the reaction may be.

How might we find confidence to remain on mission despite the attacks we face?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment."-Acts 16:18*