

Family Discipleship Resource

Jun 21-27

(Acts 16:25-30)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Lord, keep me praising you and giving you thanks in all circumstances. Help me to love and pray for the unlovely around me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 16:25-30)

²⁵ But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; ²⁶ and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" ²⁹ And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰ and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

O – Observe what God has said

What were Paul and Silas doing in Prison? Why do you suppose they were doing that?

How might God have used what Paul and Silas were doing?

How might you account for the jailer's question? What had God used to prepare him to ask that?

W – Work on Application

Although it is difficult to remember, not only do God's people require rescuing on occasion, but so too do those that come against God's people. This is why God says to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Matt 5:44). The truth is, we all need rescuing—even those we can't stand or who appear to get in the way of God's mission.

What makes it difficult to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us?

Who do you need to pray for today that may fit into this category?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."*-Acts 16:25