



January 8/9 Sermon | Philippians 1:1 & Acts 16

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

As we seek to understand the story of the people of God in this text, we'll look at the problems being addressed and the solution that is offered

1. Read Acts 16:1-10
 - a. How many different places did Paul and Silas carry the gospel to in these six verses?
 - b. What role did the Holy Spirit play in the mission of these men?
2. Read Acts 16:11-34
 - a. What are the visible differences between the three converts we see in this passage?
 - b. What prompts each conversion, and what are the differences between each conversion?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Philippians 1:3-7

1. What assurance of salvation does Paul offer to the Philippians believers?
2. According to this passage, what words best describe the Christian life?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

The Holy spirit leads the mission and ensures that there will be a response to the preaching of the gospel.

1. In Acts 16 we see wildly different people from very different settings respond to the same gospel of grace. The gospel is for everyone, but someone needs to share it with those who have never heard!
 - a. What are the different settings in your life where you might have an opportunity to share the gospel with someone?
 - b. What is a specific relationship where you can have one gospel-conversation with a not-yet believer?
2. God goes before us on the mission, so we must be constant in prayer for those who do not yet follow Jesus. Make your own 5x5x5 list, and commit to praying through the list for the month of January.
 - a. Who made your list and why?
 - b. What are you committing to praying about?

Prayer

Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?