

CP— 10/8/23

Acts 16:16–24 — The Slave Girl and the Inner Prison

Sermon Outline

1. The Condition of the Slave Girl (16:16–17)

- a. Possessed by an evil spirit (16b)
- b. Exploited by her owners (16c)
- c. Used by Satan (17)

2. The Deliverance of the Slave Girl (16:18)

- a. Delivered from the bondage of sin
- b. Delivered from being used as an instrument of Satan
- c. Delivered to find freedom and value in Christ
- d. Delivered to be an instrument of righteousness

3. The Consequences for Paul and Silas (16:19–24)

- a. Seized (19)
- b. Accused (20–21)
- c. Beaten (22–23)
- d. Jailed (24)

Small Group Discussion

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and Bible passage? What stood out to you?
2. What does this passage teach us about what it means to be in bondage to sin and Satan? What does it teach us about the power of Jesus? Give testimony to the power of Jesus in your life.
3. If Jesus has the power to break the chains of sin and addiction, why do we still have to fight them? How do we fight them in the power of the Holy Spirit?
4. Compare and contrast the spiritual transformations of Lydia and the slave girl.
5. Spend some time praying that God will open the heart of one specific person in your life and that God would give you an opportunity to share the gospel with him or her.