



Introduction

The thought of sharing the gospel to those around us fills many Christians with fear. What will they say? What will they think? What will they do in response to my words? Our response is often to not say anything at all. Acts 16 is an encouragement to us all that God is in control all he expects from us is to be obedient to the last thing He said to us and respond to opportunities along the way.

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Acts 16

"The Target"

Community Group Notes

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Examine

Read Acts 16:12-15; 16-18; 25-32

- Take each person in turn (Lydia, girl and jailor) and, using the verses, describe their probable characteristics.
- God impacted each of them differently – what was His approach with each?
- Thinking about our culture, what encouragement can we gain from each convert's experience?

"The Gospel is the great cultural 'leveler' in society - essentially we are all the same"

- How does Romans 3:23 prove this statement to be true?
- How is this an encouragement to us as we consider how best to communicate to our friends, family and co-workers?

Read Rom 1:16; Matt 9:37

- Who does the gospel 'belong' to?
- What do you think our role is in communicating the gospel to others?
- Why does God use us in communicating his message? What is there to be gained for Him and us?
- What stops us from sharing our faith?
- What steps can we take to overcome these hindrances?

Our response

1. Take some time thinking through who is in our 'circle' that God has called us to.
2. Who can the group specifically pray for in this circle?