

Life Together Group Questions
November 15, 2015
Acts 16:35-40

1. Read vss. 16-40. Why didn't Paul invoke his rights as a Roman citizen earlier rather than after the fact?
2. What if Paul & Silas had not invoked their rights as Roman citizens and just turned the other cheek?
How would that have affected the gospel message and the local church?
3. Are there rights we should be evoking for the sake of the Gospel? If so, what are they?
4. How do we determine what to stand up for publically and what to let go by the wayside?
5. If we do stand up for something in the public arena how will people know we are followers of Christ?
What behavior should we be characterized by? (1 Pet. 3:15-16)
6. Vs. 40 says they stopped at Lydia's house and encouraged the brothers (the Church). What do you think they shared with them? (Acts 14:22) If you were part of that local church what would you need to hear?
7. Why do you think the magistrates begged Paul and Silas to leave? Why did they do so? It did not appear they had plans to do so before this incident.
8. What kind of people are a part of the church at Philippi when Paul & Silas leave? (See Acts 16:14-15; 17-18; 29-33; 40)
9. Years later Paul would write this Philippian Church a letter from a Roman prison (see Phil. 1:12-18).
What heart does he share with this body of believers as he is once again on jail?
10. What should be our response if it does become illegal to follow Christ in accordance with the scriptures? (Mark 8:34-38; John 16:33; Acts 5:29; Rev. 12:11)
11. How does having our citizenship in heaven change our perspective? (Phil 3:20-21)
12. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
13. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
14. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
15. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- The Gospel Set Free From Degradation (vss. 35-40)
- The Gospel Not Imprisoned By Prison (Phil. 1:12-13)
- Even If Our US Citizen Rights Are Violated Our Citizenship Is Heaven (Phil 3:20-21)