Sermon Discussion Questions

Serving:

Leaders, please share the following volunteer opportunities with your group members each week. Thanks!

Highlighted Opportunity: Looking to serve outside of Sundays? Our Clean Team might be the spot for you! These essential behind the scenes volunteers keep our facility supplied, clean and ready for not only Sundays services but every day of the week for our groups and classes that are meeting on campus. Vacuuming, wiping down surfaces, mopping floors and re-suppying out bathrooms and more. Sign up on the app under SERVE or **Click Here!**

Other Serving Needs Include: Baptismal Team, Worship Team, Security, First Impressions, Elder Care, His Kidz, His Kids Registration, Next Gen, Audio/Visual and Next Step Team.

DATE: August 3rd, 2025

SERMON TITLE: Present

MAIN POINT: God is always present but there is something different about His presence when you are present with Him.

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:25-40

REVIEW: Acts 16:25-40 (Click the links in blue for easy reading!)

Use this time to revisit the Scripture and Sermon together. Encourage open and honest conversation while asking and answering questions as a group.

Questions:

> Comprehension:

What does the passage say in your own words? Questions or things you don't understand? Now is the time to ask!

- **▶ Interpretation:** What is the purpose of the passage for them and for us?
- **▶ Interpretation:** Imagine yourself as the Jailer in this story. What might you have thought and felt? (*Beginning, middle and end*)
- **▶ Interpretation:** Read together <u>Acts 16:35-38</u>. Why would Paul have done this?
- **▶ Application:** What prison in your own life can God set you free from? Be honest with the group.
- **▶ Application:** What parts of your life have you not made Jesus Lord over? How can we as your brothers and sisters pray with and for you?
- **▶ Dig Deeper:** Additional Scripture from the Sermon to study throughout the week.
 - 1. **Daniel 3:15-18**

PREPARE: Read <u>Acts 17:1-9</u> together in preparation for next week. Use this time together to explore where we are going and how we can better understand the text.

- **▶** What things stand out to you?
- > Why was this important then?
- **▶** How can we apply it today?
- ➤ **Group Prayer:** Father God, we praise you for your mercy and your grace. Lord, help us to truly let go of the things that keep us in prison. We submit ourselves to you, your word and your will for our lives. Help us to make you Lord in all things. In your son's name, Amen.

Personal Questions (for monthly breakouts):

- ➤ What life challenges are you facing this week?
- ➤ How are you responding to those challenges?
- ➤ How can we pray for your heart in those challenges?
- > What sins are you holding onto right now?
- ➤ How can we help keep you accountable?
- ➤ How can we be praying for you personally this month?
- ➤ Share one way God has been working in your heart and life this past month!