

Acts Chapter 16 – When God redirects your steps 09/14/2025 Reflection Questions

- 1. Twice in Acts chapter 16, Paul is stopped from ministering in a certain region. Can you relate to the leading of the Holy Spirit being more often like getting a "red light" rather than getting "green light"?
- 2. How should we respond when our plans are unexpectedly blocked and how can we balance planning and being sensitive to God's redirection?
- 3. Comment on this statement, "The right door at the wrong time is the wrong door." Can you think of examples of this in your own life?
- 4. Five years later (Acts 19:15), Paul is able to minister in a region where he was previously forbidden by the Holy Spirit. This time the entire region now hears the gospel. Can you share a time in your life when God's initial "No" answer really turned out a "Not yet" type of answer?
- 5. Regarding the slave girl in Acts 16:16, comment on this statement: "We cannot adequately deal with a problem in the physical realm if the root of the problem is in the spiritual realm."
- 6. Why do you think Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns at midnight after being attacked, stripped, beaten and flogged? In what ways does this event challenge us to live fearlessly in a hostile world?
- 7. How can praising God in trying times shift the spiritual atmosphere?
- 8. In Acts 16:26, all the prisoners' doors were opened and all of their chains fell off. What did you think of this statement: "God's blessings and breakthroughs are designed to overflow your life and spill into the lives of others"?
- 9. Why do you think Paul and Silas or the other prisoners did not try to escape when the prison doors were opened?
- 10. How do Paul and Silas respond to the jailer's question in Acts 16:30, "What must I do to be saved?
- 11. What does it mean that Christians are to be "the salt of the earth"? How did the account of Lot in Genesis 19:22 underscore this reality?