

AWAKENED — ACTS 16:13-34

Sermon Discussion Guide - July 10, 2022

Intro Question:

Lydia, a slave girl, a jailer and all his household were awakened by the words “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). Share a moment in your life when you felt your soul was awakened?

I. Awakened by God’s INCLUSIVITY

Read VS 16:14,16,27

- How do you see Christianity transcend all racial, social, economic boundaries in this passage? What does that say about God and the gospel?

- How do you personally express the inclusive heart of God in your walk with Christ? Do you feel any inner boundaries that lead you to be less inclusive than God is toward the salvation of others?

II. Awakened by God’s PURSUIT

Read VS 16:14,18,26

- In your own words, describe the conversions of Lydia, the slave girl, and the jailer? Are there any similarities/differences? Who is doing the work in their conversions?

- Luke 19:10 tells us “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the Lost.” God is always in control working to advance the mission of saving his chosen people. How does knowing God is at work help us more confidently approach people with the gospel?

III. Awakened by God’s MISSION

Read 16:15, 25

- Paul and Silas were attacked, their garments torn, and beaten with rods. Describe what they were doing once imprisoned? What truths about God do you think enabled Paul and Silas to react this way?

- Share some of the trials you are going through right now and how the gospel can help you find joy in the midst of such adversity and suffering.

- The way Paul and Silas reacted in the midst of suffering led to the conversion of the jailer. He later opened his heart and home to Paul and his companions. How might God use your sacrifice and trust in the midst of your suffering to impact others in the watching world around you?