

Bible Summary -Acts 16
Praying in the Midst of Difficulty

Just like Paul and Silas, we too can go through things in life that aren't fun and don't make sense. Billy Graham Paulose spoke today from this chapter in Acts. He pointed out that we too can be broken, torn up and feel stuck where things don't look good and we feel we can't face another day. But the key when we feel like this is to do what Paul and Silas did. They didn't complain, murmur or whine about their situation; they prayed and praised God. The key is to seek God with all our hearts.

Scriptures: Acts 16:22-27

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** question listed.)

1. In regards to Billy's presentation about India, what captured you?
 - a. Although we don't live in India, we are still surrounded by needs. As a community group, how can we minister to those in need?
2. Pastor Paulose shared about a time he was on his way somewhere and the Lord took him on a "detour". Paul and Silas were headed to pray and they were interrupted too. Can you share a time in your life when you've been "detoured" by the Holy Spirit and what did that look like?
3. Paul and Silas were thrown into jail for doing the Lord's work. If you were in that situation, how would you have responded?
4. Like Paul and Silas, have you ever made a conscious choice to pray and praise God even when you were in a difficult situation?
 - a. Did it change the situation in any way?
 - b. How did it change you?
 - c. How can we turn our hearts to worship in the midst of suffering?
5. How can a Christian's response to suffering be a testimony to others?