



DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Acts 16 - Paul & Silas Worship In Jail

"...so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. 'The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!' they shouted to the city officials. 'They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice.' A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted to him, 'Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!' The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.' And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God."

Acts 16:19-34

How Can My Worship Make A Difference?

1. My worship is _____
2. My worship _____
3. My worship _____

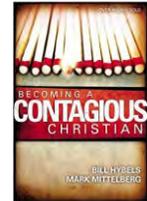
Memory Verse

"'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.'"

Acts 16:30-31

Recommended Resource:

Becoming a Contagious Christian
by Bill Hybels



MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Memorize Acts 16:31
- Believe on the Lord Jesus and be saved today
- Ask God to help me to live a "Worship-Full" life
- Begin to pray for and invite my unchurched friends to Easter at ERBC. Please join me in praying for:



Be sure and invite a friend, family member or co-worker to join you next week at ERBC!

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QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "My Worship Can Make A Difference," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. What is your favorite worship song?

2. Before hearing the message this weekend how would you have defined worship?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Micah 6:6-8. In the Old Testament, the Israelites often worshiped through the giving of sacrificial animals. How does Micah suggest we should worship?

How does the method of worship Micah proposes in this passage differ from the way we tend to think of worship?

What do you think it looks like "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"?

Do you think that others would take notice if we were to worship in this way?

4. Read Romans 12:1-2. What do you think of when you hear the word sacrifice?

What do you think it means to be a living sacrifice?

What do think it means to be conformed to the pattern of this world?

How do we avoid being conformed to the world?

Do you think it's possible to be a part-time sacrifice?

Read Matthew 15:8. What does this verse say about giving God less than our all?

5. Read Job chapter 1. What stands out to you in this passage?

If you lost it all as Job did, how do you think you would have responded?

What do you think it was that enabled Job to respond in the way he did?

How can our worship in the face of hardship serve a testimony to those around us?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What step you can take to in the coming weeks to use your worship to make a difference?

7. How can the group be praying for you to consistently worship God in all you do in the good and the bad?

PRAYER REQUESTS