



Sermon Discussion Guide

Guest Speaker: Mark Wilson
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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- What's one of the hardest things you've ever done? Was it worth it?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2. How does Paul describe being treated in Philippi?
- Read Acts 16 gives context for Paul's time in Philippi. As we are reading, notice examples of how Paul was treated. What challenges did he experience in sharing the gospel in Philippi?
- Who were the three people who started following Jesus in Philippi? What changes immediately took place in their lives? (You can direct the group to look again at Acts 16:13-15; 16-19; and 25-36)
- In the Roman empire, what costs did people face, like these three in Acts 16, when they put their faith in Jesus? This could be financial, religious, social, physical, etc.

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- What challenges do Christians face to sharing the gospel today, both globally and in our own culture?
- What are the costs you have observed that people have to weigh when deciding to follow Jesus? Why do you think some people decide that Jesus is worth it and some people don't?
- Encourage each other with ways you have recently heard God is at work in the world! Share some stories of people coming to Jesus or lives being transformed by the Spirit's power. It could be people you know personally or people you have heard about.



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Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- By going to Philippi and proclaiming the gospel, Paul was following the Spirit's leading, even in the face of opposition and sometimes at great cost to himself. What challenges or costs have you personally faced when following the direction of the Lord in your life? What has been meaningful about persevering in those challenges?
- Where do you hope to see the spirit of God break in with his power in your life or in the life of someone you know, as he did with Lydia, the slave girl, and the jailer?

Time of Prayer

- Play the song "Same God" by Elevation Worship. Before you play it, encourage the group to reflect on how the same Spirit who was directing Paul and transforming these three lives in Philippi over 2000 years ago is alive and at work in us and our world today. Close with prayers of hope for Him to move in power now as He moved in power then.
- [Same God - Lyric Video - Elevation Worshipwww.youtube.com › watch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)