

Life Groups Discussion Guide

"A City Transformed" 3-22-26

Icebreaker

What's one place you go regularly (coffee shop, gym, job site, etc.) where you tend to see the same people?

Scripture Reference

Acts 16:16-36

Intro

Has there been a message from this series that has stuck out to you? What and why?

Pastor Matt talked about the difference between the kingdom of the world (profit & power) and the Kingdom of God (freedom & dignity).

What do you think of this statement? Do you see it the same way? If you do, expound? If no, why?

Pastor Matt said:

"The slave girl was telling the truth, that wasn't the problem. It was the source from which the truth was told."

Why do you think it matters what the source is, if it is truth being told?

Pastor Matt said to pay close attention to when the passage said that "the other prisoners were listening to Paul and Silas"

Did you notice that in scripture? Why is that so important? Why do you feel Luke included that when he wrote this part of Acts?

Pastor Matt told us that when the chains fell off, the doors opened up, and everyone was freed, but one was left.

What does that say about what true freedom is? Internal vs External freedom?

Pastor Matt said that we are most tempted to find our value and identity in what we can do, produce, or in what others think of us.

What would it look like to truly believe your value comes from being made in the image of God?

Takeaway: "The gospel changes everyone it touches."

In what ways has the gospel of Jesus Christ changed your life?

Takeaway: "The gospel turns oppressors into healers."

Pastor Matt told us that Daniel was born into nobility, but God also uses the lowly, like Mary or John the Baptist.

Where might God be calling you to start to bring healing to others? (with your words, actions, or relationships)

Takeaway: "God often brings internal freedom before external vindication."

Pastor Matt told us to leave vindication in God's hands.

Is there a situation where you needed God to vindicate you, but you took it into your own hands? Are you still in the process of vindication of yourself now? What does it look like to wait on God and His timing?

CLOSE

Ask for prayer requests and pray, prayer!

Make sure they bring someone with them to the LG or to church on Sundays!

Easter Family Day is Sunday: Bring your lawn chairs, pop-up tents, and Easter baskets!

Thank them for coming!