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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: MIRACLE AFTER MIDNIGHT
Key Scripture: Acts 16:22-34
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/miracle-after-midnight
Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr – September 22nd, 2024

Starter:

Do you like singing? Why or why not?
Is there a genre of music you really don't like?
What is your favourite worship song?

Discussion:

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas faced imprisonment and beatings, yet they chose to worship God during the darkest hour—at midnight. Let's explore their story and the miracle that followed.

1. Why do you think Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns even though they were in prison? What can this teach you about faith during difficult times? (Acts 16:25)

2. Does the violent earthquake in verse 26 have implications for God's power and ability to intervene in our lives?

3. What impact did Paul and Silas' faith have on the other prisoners and the jailer? (Acts 16:25-27)

4. Why did Paul intervene to stop the jailer from harming himself, and how can this inspire you to help others who are in despair? (Acts 16:28)

5. What does the jailer's question, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) reveal about his spiritual state, and how does it relate to the importance of offering hope to others?

6. What can we learn from the response of Paul and Silas to the jailer about the simplicity and power of faith in Christ? (Acts 16:31)

7. What does the transformation of the jailer's household teach about the impact of one person's salvation on their family? (Acts 16:34)

8. Reflecting on John 10:10, how does this passage contrast the thief's intent to steal, kill, and destroy with Jesus' offer of abundant life?

9. How can you apply the principle of "living your faith out loud" as seen in the boldness of Paul and Silas? (Acts 16:22-25)

10. How can you trust God to place you where He wants you, even when circumstances seem overwhelming? (Acts 16:26-29)

Reflection:

God's power often shows up in our darkest moments. Whether it's midnight in prison or in life, God can use these moments to bring salvation, transformation, and joy.