

Text: Acts 16:1-10
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Big Idea: God is sovereignly working in the mission, and we must join Him on mission.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3

- a) Describe some ways that it is possible to serve in the Name of God, but not live on mission with God.
- b) In what way(s) are you most tempted to do this?
- c) How should knowing God is sovereign, good and loving free us from this?

Joining God on mission means you join His work...

Point 1: AMONG His PEOPLE (vv. 1-5)

Question: God has sovereignly put others around you to disciple. Will you be intentional?

Question #4

- a) **Rd. vv. 1-5:** How do we see God's sovereign hand guiding Paul and Silas in Lystra?
- b) How was God sovereignly already at work in Timothy's life before Paul met him?
- c) Was the mission hindered by Paul taking on Timothy to disciple? What happened?

Question #5

- a) How is intentionally discipling others joining God in His work that He is doing?
- b) What are some common excuses for why we don't join God in discipling those around us? Which one(s) are most common for you?
- c) Who has the Lord sovereignly put around you to intentionally disciple?
- d) What are the discipleship pathways available for you to do that with them?
- e) What next step can you take to be intentional with them? How about as a small group?
- f) Spend time in prayer as a group for this opportunity.

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Point 2: ALONG His PATH (vv. 6-10)

Question: God sees the whole picture and we don't. Will you humble yourself and trust His path?

Question #6

- a) **Rd. vv. 6-10:** What was Paul & Silas' original plan for the trip when they left Antioch?
- b) Where was God already working that Paul and Silas couldn't see?
- c) What does God do to give them a 'divine redirection' from what they thought they would do?
- d) Was this a small, easy, comfortable detour for them or a demanding one? Why?
- e) What was the bigger story that God saw that the missions team didn't?
- f) Why wouldn't God have just told them His whole plan first before sending them out?

Question #7

"It is better to go to Troas with God, than anywhere else without Him."-G. Campbell Morgan

- a) Do you believe this is true? Why or why not?

Question #8

- a) How do you respond when God gives you a 'divine redirection' with your plans (especially when it isn't easy or comfortable for you)? Why do you respond that way?
- b) What sinful responses do you need to repent of when God has forbidden you from doing what you felt you wanted/needed in your plans?
- c) Confess those to one another and spend time in prayer for each other.

Question #9

- a) Spend time as a group discussing how Jesus lived perfectly with God the Father on mission among God's people and Along God's path.
- b) How should knowing Jesus did this perfectly before us, encourage us to live on mission with God?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 16:1-10...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord, You are Sovereign over_____
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of not trusting in Your sovereignty when_____
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for_____
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask You to help me join You on mission by...

Memory Verse:

"...I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"

-Isaiah 46:9b-10