

Salvation Stories
Acts 16

Getting Started

- ❖ Take time to have those who haven't shared their salvation story do so.

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. Three Significant Salvation Stories.
 - A. The Wealthy Merchant Lady (v.13-15)
 - B. The Demon-Possessed Slave Girl. (v.16-18)
 - C. The Desperate Roman Jailer. (v.24-34)
2. Three Gospel Applications.
 - A. Takeaway Truth: Regardless of our sin or social status, if we trust in Jesus alone, we will be saved.
 - B. Our most effective ministry will often occur as we worship and obey God in the midst of trials and tribulation.
 - C. When we trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, there will be obvious evidence of our salvation.
3. One Sober Warning: The love of money has eternal consequences. (v.19-23)

Digging Deeper

- ❖ What do the first 10 verses in Acts 16 teach you about God and Paul and his 2nd Missionary Journey? Are there any practical applications from these verses for your life?
- ❖ What opposition was there to Paul and his preaching?
- ❖ What was the motivation behind the owners of the slave girl dragging Paul and Silas to the authorities (vv. 19-21)?
- ❖ Why do you think the jailer asked the question "What must I do to be saved? What motivated him to respond in this way?"
- ❖ How does the response of the jailer (vv. 31-34) compare to Lydia's response to the gospel (vv. 14-15, 40)? What does this tell you about the nature of the gospel and salvation?
- ❖ Think of the three individuals (Lydia, a businesswoman; the slave girl and the jail keeper) who became the core of the new Philippian church. What are the implications of this as it relates to the local church?

Apply It!

- ❖ Which salvation story do you resonate with the most? Before you became a Believer what was "stopping you" from believing and committing your life to Christ?

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- ❖ What thoughts arise within you when you consider that your trials and tribulations may be divine appointments for the expansion of God's Kingdom and the good of others?

Think About It!

Paul did not want either the Gospel or the name of God to be “promoted” by one of Satan’s slaves, so he cast out the demon. After all, Satan may speak the truth one minute and the next minute tell a lie; and the unsaved would not know the difference. (Warren Wiersbe)

Note from Pastor Jerry: For this year’s CG questions, group resources and Bible studies from John Stott (Acts Seeing the Spirit at Work), John MacArthur (MacArthur Bible Studies: Acts), Jack Hayford (Kingdom Power) and Max Lucado (Life Lessons from the Book of Acts) are used in addition to original material.

WORSHIP RESOURCE

April 3, 2022 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP SONGS

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Words by Henry F. Lyte, 1834 / Music by John Goss, 1869

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should
sing? Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise
him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him, you behold him face to face; sun and
moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

HOLY, HOLY (GOD ARE YOU)

Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2012

We look with wonder at each star in the sky,
beholding beauty we can barely describe.

To fall before you is all we can do; holy, holy, God are you.

The veil is rended, opened by grace.

We're drawing closer as well call on your name.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior, faithful and true;
Holy, holy, God are you. There is no one more amazing
in all that you do. Holy, holy, God are you.*

Your daily presence is our refuge and strength.

There's no where higher than down on our knees.

You go before us and carry us through; holy, holy, God are you.

A THOUSAND HALLELUJAHS

*Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood,
and Phil Wickham, 2022*

Who else would rocks cry to worship?

Whose glory taught the stars to shine?

Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing, but this joy is mine.

*With a thousand "hallelujahs," we magnify Your name.
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever yours,
a thousand "hallelujahs" and a thousand more.*

Who else would die for our redemption?

Whose resurrection means I'll rise?

There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done,
but I have eternity to try.

Praise to the Lord, to the Lamb, to the King of heaven.

Praise for He rose; now He reigns. We will sing forever. (2x)

I SPEAK JESUS

*Words and Music by Abby Benton, Carlen Prince, Dustin Smith,
Jesse Reeves, Kristen Dutton, and Raina Pratt, 2019*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind.

'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'till ev'ry dark addiction starts to break.

Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus.

*Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life.
Break ev'ry stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
over fear and all anxiety.

To ev'ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus.

Shout Jesus from the mountains, and Jesus in the streets,
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy.

Jesus for my fam'ly, I speak the holy Name Jesus.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 32; Exodus 3:16-4:12; Romans 12:1-21; John 8:46-59

MONDAY | Ps. 6; Exodus 4:10-31; 1 Cor. 14:1-19; Mark 9:30-41

TUESDAY | Ps. 25; Exodus 5:1-6:1; 1 Cor. 14:20-40; Mark 9:42-50

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 51; Exodus 7:8-24; 2 Cor. 2:14-3:6; Mark 10:1-16

THURSDAY | Ps. 27; Exodus 7:25-8:19; 2 Cor. 3:7-18; Mark 10:17-31

FRIDAY | Ps. 105; Exodus 9:13-35; 2 Cor. 4:1-12; Mark 10:32-45

SATURDAY | Ps. 31; Exodus 10:21-11:8; 2 Cor. 4:13-18; Mark 10:46-52

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Restore us, O Lord, like streams in the desert. May those who plant in
tears reap with shouts of joy. Like Mary, may we be extravagant in
our love and worship of you. Give us generous hearts that long to
serve our neighbors and reach out to those who do not know you.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.



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