

Dual Citizenship - Acts 16:16-40

- 1. In Acts 16:16, we see that Paul and the rest of the missionary team went back to the same place where they had ministry success with the conversion of Lydia. Why is it important to look for fruitfulness in our lives and ministries?
- 2. We can see from Acts 16:25 that the other prisoners were listening to Paul and Silas's prayers and praises. How does this show us that our worship of God should be public, not hidden, or relegated to a church building or in a perceived "safe space?" How does public worship draw non-believers towards the things of God?
- 3. Paul and Silas didn't escape the prison even when seemingly God was giving them a way out. They instead stayed in jail and used the opportunity to minister and proclaim Jesus. What does this tell us about looking for opportunities that we might miss if we are not in tune with the Holy Spirit?
- 4. It is easy to respond to a crisis in the flesh and with natural grief, lament, and fear. However, God can work through any situation and turn it around for his glory Romans 8:28. How should a disciple of Christ respond in a crisis? How is our response a testimony to the world?
- 5. One of the ways that we draw people to Christ is through our response to a crisis. How do we choose to praise God in every situation? How does choosing to have joy, worship, and praise affect others around us? How does it affect our hearts?
- 6. As we see from our text, Paul was both a citizen of Rome and heaven. How do we represent both well? How do we ensure that our citizenship in heaven is what people see in us over anything else?

