

Respond to the Gospel

Acts 16:31-40

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I. Faith comes by hearing. *Acts 16:36-32*

The jailer's question was urgent: "**What must I do to be saved?**" because he understood that his situation was desperate. True faith begins with the recognition that we cannot save _____.

- When one person encounters Christ, it will impact others around them, because people will want what you have if you _____ follow Christ.

To **believe** means to _____ Him completely, to surrender your life to Him and His plans, and to rest in what He has already accomplished through His death and resurrection.

II. Immediate transformation. *Acts 16:33-34*

To repent means to turn from our sin and turn and follow Jesus. The Lord gives us the _____ to repent and the ability to live for Him through His indwelling Holy Spirit.

- After believing in Jesus, the jailor demonstrated a life changed, was obediently baptized to _____ his faith in Christ, and then he experienced joy. **Acts 16:34**

This man went from a fear of death to a celebration of life in a single night. He had joy because his _____ were forgiven, he felt free, he was transformed, and he received joy by serving others.

III. Boldness in Christ. *Acts 16:35-39*

After learning of Paul's citizenship, the magistrates tried to make their problem go away _____, because they could not beat a Roman citizen who was not **condemned**.

- Paul was not necessarily being prideful; he wanted to protect the right to proclaim the Gospel and wanted to protect the other _____ in Philippi.

IV. Encourage each other. *Acts 16:40*

We are told to love one another, _____ one another, admonish one another, greet one another, and other things as well.

- In Greek, the **good works** that we **should walk in** actually means we should be _____ with them (*Strong's G4043*).

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 16:31-32**. What does it actually mean in my daily life to "believe in the Lord Jesus"? Is faith something private, or is it shared with my household and family?
Romans 5:1-2, John 3:1-8, Hebrews 11:6, John 1:12
2. How should you respond when others ask you about your faith—are you ready to share it clearly and simply?
1 Peter 3:15, Colossians 4:5-6, Acts 1:8
3. Discuss the importance of knowing the Roman's Road.
Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10, 13
4. Read **Acts 16:33-34**. Discuss the meaning of the word repent. In what ways can my life reflect immediate obedience like the jailer's? What changes in my life show that my beliefs are real?
Luke 15:10, Matthew 4:17, Romans 12:2, Isaiah 43:19, Philippians 3:13
5. Do I show care and compassion toward others, even those I may have wronged? How do I balance humility with asserting my rights or dignity?
Ephesians 4:32, 1 Peter 3:8, Colossians 3:12
6. Read **Acts 16:35-39**. Do you stand up for what is right, even when it's uncomfortable? When have I allowed unfair treatment to go unchallenged—and should I have responded differently?
Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Corinthians 9:19, Galatians 5:13
7. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.