

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Acts Series

These questions are for the **August 30, 2020** sermon, "A City Disturbance." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 16:16-24) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ADVANCES, EXPECT COUNTER-OFFENSES . . .

1. Beginning with Spiritual Oppression. (16-18)
 - a. Notice the timing. Right after Lydia was converted, Paul and Silas were met by a slave girl who had a false spirit.
 - b. Just as there will be an advancement of the gospel, there will be a counter-advancement; there will be an attack.
 - c. The slave girl does not utilize a name in her proclamation; but Paul utilizes the name of Jesus Christ in authority over the demon.
2. Continuing with Social Opposition. (19-24)
 - a. There will be injustice toward followers of Christ.
 - b. We must be faithful among the faithless.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1 above: Share an experience that you've had where you experienced spiritual oppression after having a good spiritual experience (cf. Romans 7:21), perhaps in your own personal life or when sharing the gospel. How can you combat demonic oppression when it comes?
2. Based on #1, above: How can we spot spiritual counterfeits when they may seem sound? Take note of the timing of Paul's response in verse 18.
3. Based on #2, above: In what ways have you experienced social oppression as a Christian? How is God teaching you to trust him during those times?
4. What are some ways you can remain faithful to our Lord while you live among faithless people?