
Witness Unhindered:
“Even Worshipers of God Need Jesus”
Acts 16:6-15

Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:

“Before grace renews the heart, there is grace preparing us for grace.” — Charles Spurgeon

“The gospel declares that no matter how dutiful or prayerful we are, we can't save ourselves. What Jesus did was sufficient.” — Brennan Manning

*“I didn't start out understanding that hospitality was this robust practice. I thought of it more as entertaining, coffee and donuts or casseroles or whatever, but hospitality is significant when you look at the Scriptures. It's significant, and it wasn't coffee and donuts. It was struggling with Jews and Gentiles and how people were going to get along together and be in the church together and be one body.”
— Christine Pohl*

Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:

- What from the Scripture passage or the sermon made an impression upon you? Are there lingering questions to be answered or rabbit trails to be followed for you?
- Read Brennan Manning's quote above.
 - What is your first reaction to hearing that you can't save yourself? Was there a time in your life where this was especially hard to believe? If so, what changed?
 - What are some things that tempt you away from believing that “what Jesus did was sufficient”?
 - Can you think of any Scripture that helps you remember the good news of God's duty-free gospel?
- How is hospitality closely related to the gospel of Jesus Christ?
 - How have you seen hospitality most clearly demonstrated by others in your life?
 - Does hospitality come easy to you, or do you feel like it takes a lot of hard work? Talk about what makes it easy or hard.
 - Discuss any experiences where you have seen hospitality unite believers or provide opportunities for gospel conversations with non-believers.
- Read John 14:1-7 below and take a moment to meditate on the good news that Jesus is making all things new, and that he will one day come again to bring us all the way home.

“¹ Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”