



PROCLAIM

MCA

Sermon Outline

Key verse

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Salvation comes through faith

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:29-31

THE JAILER'S FAITH

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MARCH 17

Opening Thought

The early church boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus. Even when facing imprisonment, Paul and Silas courageously cared for their jailer. When he asked what he must do to be saved, they said very simply, "*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.*" God is looking for childlike faith in his people. Turn to him today with a heart and life that says, "God, I am in your hands!"

Ice breakers

- What are your favorite heist/ escape stories?
- What is one of your most embarrassing moments?

Dig Deeper

- What or who did God use to bring you to faith in Christ?
- Read Romans 1:14-17. What strikes you about these verses? What does it mean to "live by faith?"
- How would you respond if you were falsely accused, beaten, and locked in a prison cell?
- What do you think caused the jailer to want to be saved?
- What stood out to you from today's sermon?
- What is the biggest obstacle that keeps you from praising God in hard times?

Closing

No matter what situation you find yourself in, trust that the Lord is in control. Choose to praise him and seek him. Don't be surprised if others take note and want what you have – an unwavering faith in our good and gracious God.

GOOD FRIDAY

COMMUNITY GATHERING

MARCH 29, 7PM

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