



What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Week 23: January 19, 2025

Bible Story Point: Paul and other apostles preached the same gospel message to all people.

Key Passage: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Paul and Silas Started Churches (Acts 15—18)

In today's passages, we read how Paul began his second missionary journey, bringing Silas with him to share the good news from Philippi down to Corinth. In our last session, we saw that the salvation of the Gentiles was due to their faith alone. Today, we're reading a step further as these two apostles began sharing Christ's message of freedom with Gentiles from varying walks of life.

What can today's reading teach us about the salvation found in Jesus?

One notion we keep seeing throughout these passages of Scripture is the freedom found in Jesus. Jesus sets us free from the condemnation of our sin and the reality of eternity spent separated from God.

Jesus' gift of saving faith and freedom does not come from following rules nor from meeting the criteria of the world; rather, it's the simple act of believing in Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf, that we would be made right before God the Father. We see from the story of Lydia, a woman of influence whose heart was opened by Paul's words of salvation. She was a woman who had the riches of the world, yet knew she needed salvation that could only be found in Jesus. Another key figure in this passage is the jailer, a hardworking man on the verge of taking his own life. He recognized the power and freedom of God on display inside the jail, which ignited the desire to be saved.

The missionary journeys of Paul and Silas were birthed out of their own experience of freedom found in Christ. They had been called by God, empowered by His Spirit, and sent forth to share the good news of freedom from sin found in Christ Jesus. This freedom was so profound that they risked their lives so others could hear and believe. May you believe in the power of the same God who has equipped you with the same simple message of salvation. Lead boys and girls through your faith in the risen Savior who desires that all would believe, just as the men and women in today's story did.

- Who else traveled with Paul & Silas? Timothy
- Who sold purple clothing? Lydia
- What could the girl no longer do after meeting Paul & Silas? Tell the future
- What happened when the earthquake hit the jail? Prisoners stayed there
- What happened to the Jailer? He became a believer in Jesus
- What does salvation through faith in Jesus give us? Freedom from sin and death.
- How are we changed? Through Jesus we are made right before God because Jesus took our punishment for sin
- How are we to live? Through a personal relationship with Jesus by faith and personal time with Him daily to continually be transformed from our sinful nature to the character of Jesus.

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for freedom from sin. Ask God to help you have the characteristics of Jesus in every day life.

Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for January 22

Cubbies: Bear Hug 16- 1 John 5:11 "...God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

Sparks:

Hang Glider – Green Jewel 2:1 – 2:3 Missionary Study – AND Green Jewel 2.4 – Colossians 1:3, We always thank God, the father for our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.

Wing Runner – Green Jewel 2:2 – 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Sky Stormer – Green Jewel 2:1 & 2:2 – Mission Study and Romans 1:16, For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

T & T's – 3.2 Jesus is Fully Man

John 1:14, And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, January 26—Thirst Conference leads Preschool and Children Activities

Preview for Sunday, February 2

Paul and Visited the Churches (Acts 19-21)

- Where did Paul go? Ephesus
- Who did he speak to? Twelve men who only knew about John the Baptist
- What happened when the twelve men heard about Jesus? They believed and were baptized
- What kind of trouble did Paul encounter? People who believed and many gods and did not like Paul's teaching
- Who fell out of a window? Eutychus

Upcoming Activities:

Wednesdays	Wednesday Night Activities have resumed!
Thursdays	Pickleball and Walking has resumed!
January 24—25	Magnified—VBS Preview Conference
January 26—29	Life Action—Thirst Conference
February 3	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
February 8	Men's Breakfast 7:30 to 10am in Gym
February 4	Good News Club Begins (Tuesdays 3:00- 4:15 through March 5)
February 9	2nd Annual Chili Bowl Cook off—Kids Camp Fund Raiser
February 16	Preschool Appreciation Lunch and Training
February 20—28	Our Calling Mission Trip

