

Unit 33, Session 2

Paul's Second Journey

Acts 15-18

Story Point: Paul and Silas planted new churches.

One night, God told Paul in a vision to go to Macedonia to share the gospel there. A servant girl had a spirit in her that allowed her to predict the future. The girl followed Paul and Silas, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God!" Finally, Paul turned and said to the spirit in her, "By the power of Jesus, I command you to come out!" And the spirit came out right away.

Now the girl's owners were upset because she could no longer tell the future. The officials put Paul and Silas in jail.

About midnight, a violent earthquake shook the jail. The jailer woke up and thought the prisoners had escaped, so he took out his sword and was about to kill himself.

"Don't hurt yourself!" Paul said. "We are all here!"

The jailer took Paul and Silas outside. "Men, what must I do to be saved?" he asked.

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

When Paul got to Athens, he was upset that the people there did not worship the one true God. Paul told the people about the one true God. Paul also said that God wants everyone in the world to repent, to turn away from their sin and turn to Him. When the people heard about Jesus being raised from the dead, some of them laughed; however, some people believed in Jesus.

Christ Connection: Lydia, the jailer, and many others were saved because they heard the gospel and believed in Jesus. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

Number the events in the order they happened:
The officials put Paul and Silas in jail.
The jailer asked how he could be saved.
God spoke to Paul in a vision at night.
Paul commanded a spirit to come out of a servant girl.
Paul spoke to Lydia in Philippi, and Lydia believed in Jesus.
The jailer believed in Jesus.
An earthquake shook the jail where Paul and Silas were praying and singing.
Paul went to Athens and told the people about the one true God.
What does this story teach us about God?

• What hardships did Paul and Silas face?

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• How is God different from the idols the people of Athens worshiped?
• What must we do to be saved?

• How does the truth that Jesus is alive affect your life?

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• Find Acts 4:12 in your Bible and write the words below.

 Write a prayer to God, thanking God for opening hearts and minds to the gospel. Pray for people today who are working to share the gospel and plant new churches around the world.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Jeremiah 10:6-7

☐ Colossians 1:18

Romans 10:9

☐ Colossians 1:24

☐ John 11:25

☐ 1 Peter 2:5