

GOD'S SPIRIT  
GOD'S WORD  
GOD'S PEOPLE  
GOD'S POWER  
GOD'S GLORY



# ACTS

SAVED  
SET APART  
SENT

**1) READ ACTS 16**

**2) LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE**

**A) SEARCH THE VIVE STUDENT  
MINISTRY ON YOUTUBE**

**B) CLICK THE ACTS 16 MESSAGE**

**3) CHECK OUT THE MESSAGE POINTS &  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AT THE END**



**SIDE NOTE: WE OPENED WITH AN ANALOGY OF CLASSIC SNACK ITEMS (CHIPS AHOY COOKIES, OREOS, COSMIC BROWNIES, CHEEZE ITS, DR PEPPER, ETC) THOSE ITEMS STILL TASTE THE EXACT SAME TODAY AS THEY DID 25 YEARS AGO..**

**IF YOU GET A CAN OF DR PEPPER IN COLORADO OR MEMPHIS IT HAS THE EXACT SAME TASTE..WHY IS THAT? ITS BECAUSE THE COMPANY HAS FIGURED OUT DOWN TO A SCIENCE THE EXACT CYCLE & INGREDIENTS TO USE TO PRODUCE THE SAME RESULTS EVERY TIME.**

**ITS A TWO FOLD LEARNING MOMENT RELATABLE TO THE GOSPEL & FOLLOWING JESUS:**

**1) THE GOSPEL | JESUS STILL WORKS TODAY, THERES NO REASON TO CHANGE THE INGREDIENT BECAUSE IT STILL WORKS TODAY**

**2) YOUR RECIPE DETERMINES YOUR RESULTS.**

**IN COOKING AND IN FOOD, YOUR RECIPE DETERMINES YOUR RESULTS.**

**IN LIFE, THE SAME CYCLE (RECIPE) LEADS LEADS TO THE SAME RESULTS.**

**WHAT RECIPE (CYCLE) ARE YOU LIVING BY?**

**YOUR LIFE PROVES THE CYCLE YOU'RE LIVING BY. IT SHOWS WHICH RECIPE YOU'RE FOLLOWING**

**FOLLOWING THE SAME RECIPE WILL GET YOU THE SAME RESULTS...**

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESULTS, SWITCH THE RECIPE.**

**ALL THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS WE SEE THE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST LIVING BY THE SAME RECIPE**



# FOLLOW THE RECIPE (CYCLE)



GOD'S DIRECTION GIVEN BY GOD'S SPIRIT



CONFIRMED BY GOD'S WORD

CARRIED OUT BY GOD'S PEOPLE



DONE BY GOD'S POWER



RESULTING IN GOD'S GLORY



**ACTS 16:4-5 NLT**  
**THEN THEY WENT FROM TOWN TO TOWN,**  
**INSTRUCTING THE BELIEVERS TO FOLLOW THE**  
**DECISIONS MADE BY THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS**  
**IN JERUSALEM. [5] SO THE CHURCHES WERE**  
**STRENGTHENED IN THEIR FAITH AND GREW**  
**LARGER EVERY DAY.**



**THE RESULTS WERE THAT THE CHURCHES  
WERE “STRENGTHENED IN THEIR FAITH”  
AND THEY WERE “GROWING DAILY”**

**WHAT WAS THE RECIPE? HOW DID THEY  
GET THE RESULTS OF THE STRENGTHENED  
FAITH AND GROWTH THEY EXPERIENCED?**

**THE RECIPE IS FOUND IN VERSES 6-40**



# GOD'S SPIRIT GIVES THE DIRECTION (VS 6-10)





**THE FIRST RESULT OF  
FOLLOWING GOD'S  
DIRECTION IS**

**LYDIA AND HER  
HOUSEHOLD GET  
BAPTIZED (VS 13-15)**



**THE SECOND RESULT  
OF FOLLOWING  
GOD'S DIRECTION IS**

**THE DEMON GETS  
CASTED OUT  
(VS 16-18)**



**THE THIRD RESULT OF  
FOLLOWING GOD'S  
DIRECTION IS**

**PAUL AND SILAS GET  
BEATEN AND THROWN  
IN JAIL (VS 19-24)**



# THE FOURTH RESULT OF FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION

**LED TO PRAISE  
(VS 25)**



# THE FIFTH RESULT OF FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION

LED TO A MIRACLE  
(VS 26-28)



# THE SIXTH RESULT OF FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION

LED TO SALVATION  
(VS 29-34)



FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION TAKES

**KNOWING HIS  
DIRECTION**

**& OBEYING HIS  
DIRECTION**



**OBEDIENCE TO THE  
DIRECTION**

**TAKES BOLDNESS TO  
CARRY OUT THE TASK.**





## **OBEDIENCE TO THE DIRECTION AND THE BOLDNESS TO CARRY OUT THE TASK LED TO:**

- LYDIA AND HER HOUSEHOLD GETTING BAPTIZED
- CASTING OUT A DEMON (PROVING GOD'S POWER)
- CASTING OUT A DEMON LED TO PERSECUTION (BEAT & PUT IN JAIL)
- PERSECUTION LED TO PRAISE IN JAIL LED TO A MIRACLE
- PRAISE IN JAIL LED TO A MIRACLE
- THE MIRACLE LED TO SALVATION (THE JAILER AND HIS WHOLE HOUSEHOLD GETTING SAVED)

**THE RESULTS WERE DETERMINED BY THE RECIPE...**



## ACTS 16 DISCUSSION

**WHAT WAS THE RECIPE (CYCLE) PAUL AND SILAS FOLLOWED TO GET THE RESULTS WE UNCOVERED IN VS 6-40?**

**HOW DID PAUL KNOW WHERE TO GO AND WHERE NOT TO GO IN VS 6-10?**

**WHAT DID FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION LEAD TO FOR PAUL AND SILAS? (6 RESULTS DISCUSSED)**

**HAVE YOU EVER HAD SPECIFIC MOMENTS WHEN YOU FELT GOD LEADING YOU TO DO SOMETHING OR NOT TO DO SOMETHING?**

**HOW DID YOUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S DIRECTION DETERMINE THE RESULTS?**



***FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION TAKES KNOWING HIS DIRECTION AND THE OBEDIENCE TO FOLLOW HIS DIRECTION.***

**HOW CAN IT BE DIFFICULT TO KNOW GOD'S DIRECTION?**

**WHAT COULD GET IN OUR WAY OR DISTRACT US FROM FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES?**

**WHAT DOES FOLLOWING GOD'S DIRECTION LEAD TO IN OUR LIVES COMPARED TO FOLLOWING OUR OWN DIRECTION?**



## **PERSONAL DISCUSSION**

**WHAT CONVICTED YOU, CHALLENGED YOU, OR STOOD OUT TO YOU PERSONALLY FROM THE MESSAGE OR FROM ACTS 16?**

**ARE YOU FOLLOWING YOUR DIRECTION OR GOD'S DIRECTION IN YOUR LIFE?**

**WHAT CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO MAKE TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH MORE LIKE PAUL AND SILAS? (LIVING FROM THE CYCLE WE DISCUSSED)**

